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44 in.		40½in.
	CHEST (Expanded)	
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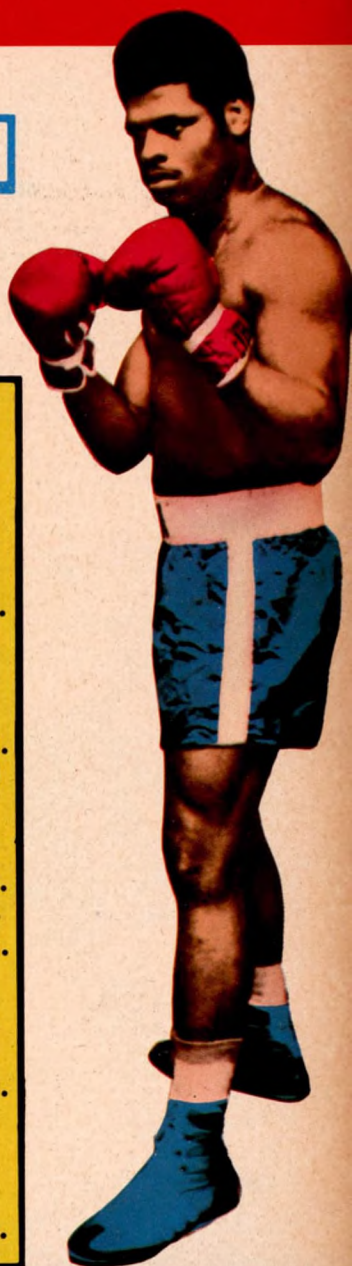

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"Not until I was forty did I make up my mind that I was going to retire before ten years had passed. I knew I couldn't do it on a salary, no matter how good. I knew I couldn't do it working for others. It was perfectly obvious to me that I had to start a business of my own. But that posed a problem. What kind of business? Most of my money was tied up. Temporarily I was broke. But, when I found the business I wanted I was able to start it for a small amount of **borrowed** money.

"To pyramid this investment into retirement in less than ten years seems like magic, but in my opinion any man in good health who has the same ambition and drive that motivated me, could achieve such a goal. Let me give you a little history.

"I finished high school at the age of 18 and got a job as a shipping clerk. My next job was butchering at a plant that processed boneless beef. Couldn't see much future there. Next, I got a job as a Greyhound Bus Driver. The money was good. The work was pleasant, but I couldn't see it as leading to retirement. Finally I took the plunge and went into business for myself.

"I managed to raise enough money with my savings to invest in a combination motel, restaurant, grocery, and service station. It didn't take long to get my eyes opened. In order to keep that business going my wife and I worked from dawn to dusk, 20 hours a day, seven days a week. Putting in all those hours didn't match my idea of independence and it gave me no time for my favorite sport—golf! Finally we both agreed that I should look for something else.

"I found it. Not right away. I investigated a lot of businesses offered as franchises. I felt that I wanted the guidance of an experienced company—wanted to have the benefit of the plans that had brought success to others, plus the benefit of running my own business under an established name that had national recognition.

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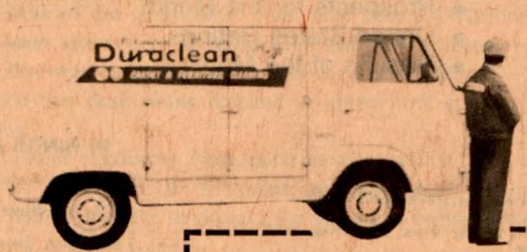

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AS I SEE IT

AN EDITORIAL

BY NAT LOUBET, EDITOR AND PUBLISHER

NOW and then I find myself frustrated as I follow the boxing beat. Sometimes more than others. Recently my frustration index reached a high. I was watching a fight on television between Sean O'Grady and Shig Fukuyama emanating from ringside at Oklahoma City.

O'Grady, a contender for featherweight honors, was awarded a TKO win with fifty-six seconds of the fifth round to go when referee Rudy Jordan halted the contest to give Sean the victory.

Sean had been cut above his right eye shortly after the contest began and for the remainder of the bout the blood poured down his face, onto his trunks, to the canvas, and even bathed his opponent.

If there was ever a fight that should have been stopped rounds earlier it was this one. I cannot understand the action of the referee or the doctor at ringside who would allow a fighter bathed in blood to continue. In all the years I have covered fights I have rarely seen so much blood with such a complete lack of common sense on the part of those who could have halted the contest and didn't.

I am not interested as to whether Fukuyama was a suitable opponent, nor is there any doubt that Sean was ahead on points, but to allow a man to fight with an eye injury that could not be controlled is absolutely irresponsible.

Referee Jordan said that he was assured by Sean's corner that the blood could be controlled, this as early as round two. By round four the bout was halted for Doctor Lloyd Rader Jr. to take a look at the optic. He allowed the contest to continue.

Even the fans were pleading vociferously for the fight to be stopped. But on it went.

There is no doubt but that the fight meant a lot to Sean since he is in line for a title shot but how far do you bend the rules of common sense? Supposing he had been the loser due to a cut eye. He certainly could fight his Japanese opponent as soon as his eye had healed and his standing would not have suffered greatly. He would also have been assured that he would one day enter his chosen profession, that of being a physician, without the possibility of an eye impairment.

I have rarely seen such an effort at continuing a fight regardless of the conditions. I am sure that if Oklahoma City had a boxing commission, the situation would not have been allowed to develop as it did with millions of people being turned off of boxing if only by virtue of the blood that was cascading in front of the camera lens.

The cries of "Boxing is a brutal sport!" have already reached this desk. Fans demand to know how a fight is allowed to continue under such conditions. What answer do I have?

I have seen world title fights stopped for much less blood and under conditions with much more at stake.

Sean's opponent, Fukuyama, down once in round five with one minute left in the round, appeared to be able to withstand the efforts of Sean to drop him again. Was the fight halted in order to protect the Japanese fighter from receiving further punishment? How about what had been happening to Sean's eye?

Just another boxing mess that proves the need for a Federal Boxing Commission in the United States. For God's sake, won't someone up there listen?

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(Left) Muhammad talks with reporters after losing his title to Spinks in Las Vegas. (Right) An Ali left finds Leon's jaw. (Right, below) Ali applies a friendly joke hold to Spinks during the press conference at which they formally signed to fight their rematch in the Louisiana Superdome.

By MUHAMMAD ALI

"I'VE SOLVED THE 'SPINKS' RIDDLE"

ALMOST eighteen years after I started my professional career in my hometown of Louisville, I'm the challenger for the heavyweight championship once again.

But this time is different from the others. A lot of things have changed over those years. I was only twenty-two years old when I beat Sonny Liston for the championship in Miami Beach. I was a young, hungry fighter.

Now I'm thirty-six years old and I have to take away the title from another young, hungry fighter who has only had a few months to find out what being the heavyweight champion of the world is all about.

The "Battle of New Orleans" can prove to be one of the most historic of all heavyweight championship fights. I can become the first man in the history of boxing to win the heavyweight title three times.

But to accomplish that feat, I will have to change the strategy that I employed in my first meeting with Leon Spinks. I'm going to have to train different, take a more serious attitude toward getting' in the best possible shape and be prepared this time to fight for fifteen rounds.

And more important, I'm goin' to have to eliminate all the mistakes that I made in the first fight. That's the important thing about a losing fight. You have to learn from the mistakes you made both inside and outside the ring and prepare your mind and body for the best possible effort.

I'm goin' back to my private training camp in Deer Lake to get ready for this fight. I know now that trainin' in Miami last February was a mistake. I thought that the weather would be good. No snow. No bad weather that would prevent me from runnin' every morning and getting' my legs in shape. But there were no hills where I stayed. I couldn't get excited about runnin' on the flat gound. My heart wasn't in it every morning.

Another thing that was wrong was my weight. I was way too heavy for a man as young and fast as Spinks. I weighted 224½ at the weigh-in, maybe 230 by the time I got in the ring. That was way too heavy.

This time, at Deer Lake, I'm gonna get my weight down to about 215 in the middle of July. That means I'll be trainin' for about six weeks in my camp at the proper weight level that I will need for the fifteen rounds. I may even go into the ring at 210 pounds. At that weight, I'll be dancin' all night.

I made a mistake in Miami last winter by thinkin' that I was gettin' in top shape just by losin' weight. I didn't have much sparrin' and I wasn't in condition to go fifteen rounds.

This summer, at my private camp, I'll have the right sparrin' partners to work with every day. Somebody who can give me a target to shoot at all the time. Get my hand speed and my reflexes just right to be able to pop, pop, pop Spinks all night.

And the final thing that will have to be changed will be my tactics in the ring. I can't use the Rope-A-Dope in this fight. The Rope-A-Dope was good against a man like George Foreman, but it

"These are Spinks' teeth," said Ali to newsmen, as he broke his self-imposed silence before facing Leon in Las Vegas. Leon beat Muhammad by a split decision. It was the third official defeat in Muhammad's pro career.

won't work with Leon Spinks.

I can't afford to give away too many rounds at the beginning of the fight to such a young man. If you look at the scorecards for the first fight, one judge gave Spinks seven out of the first eight rounds while another gave him six out of the first seven.

You can't hope to win a fight by givin' your opponent that big a head start. If you start to put on the pressure and try to catch up, you wind up tirin' yourself out and havin' nothin' left for those last important rounds.

I looked up the scorin' cards the other day and not one of the three judges gave me one of the last three rounds. And don't forget, it was a split decision. One judge voted for me.

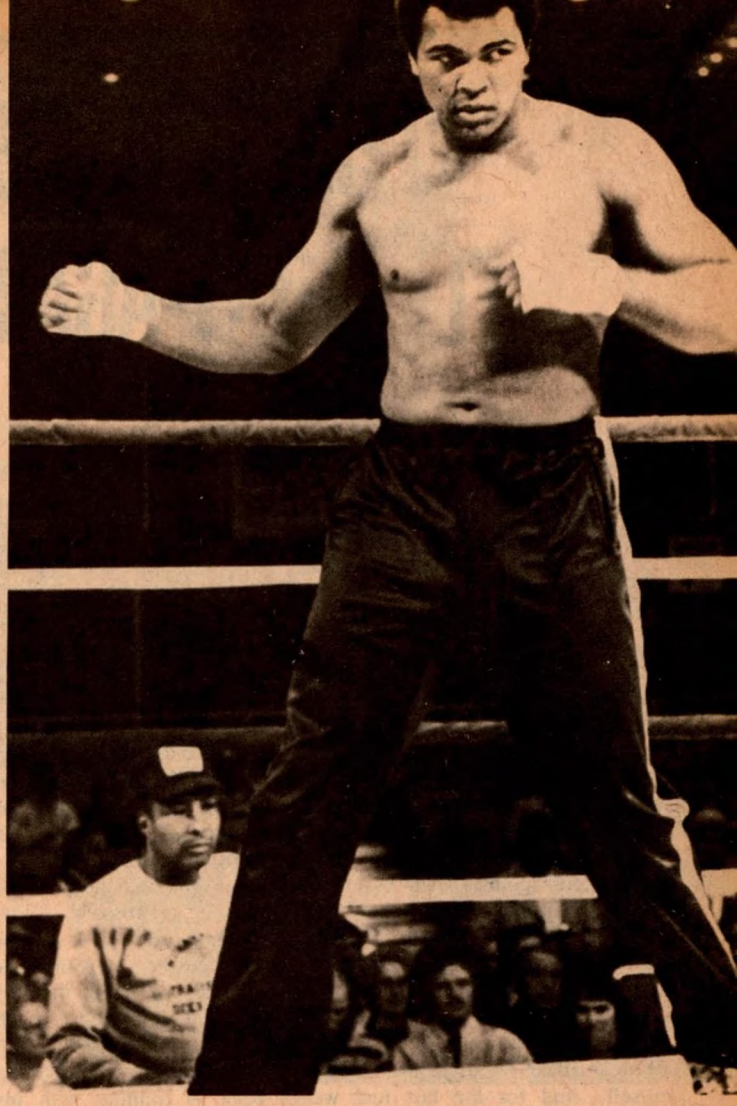
I must also admit that I underestimated Leon Spinks quite a bit in our first fight. I couldn't seem to get myself up for the fight. When I was trainin' in Miami I kept thinkin' "What will they say if I knock him out in the first round? Or the second round?"

They'll say that he was just a young fighter with six or seven fights. Not a real contender like Ken Norton or Jimmy Young. Just a little bitty fellow with a few fights, and one was a draw.

Remember for that fight I wasn't talkin'. All the press said it was another gimmick, another trick to sell tickets. The truth was that I had nothin' to say.

But now I'm ready. I have all the films and cassettes of my fights over the last six or seven years up at Deer Lake, and I watch them every night while I'm relaxin'. I can see what I have to do and then I can go down to my private gym and work on whatever I see on the films.

I'm glad that this fight is in September. I have the best three months of the year to get in shape and I'll be at my own camp trainin' in the way I know best. Ringin' the bell every mornin' to



Muhammad went through a shadow boxing routine during final training session for the first Spinks fight. Bout was held in the Las Vegas Hilton Pavilion.

wake everybody up. Runnin' in the hills. Eating breakfast in my own kitchen with Lana, my own cook. No hotels, no runnin' in a park. But workin' where I feel good and where I can chop trees if I want. Get my wrists in shape.

If you get a chance, come and visit the camp. There's no charge at any time. Just think about that. Do you think you could just walk up and watch John Wayne work. Or Johnny Carson?

It may be the last time you'll ever have the chance to see Muhammad Ali in action.

Muhamad Ali, left, with his wife, Veronica, their trip to Russia completed. Ali then went into training for his return bout with Spinks.

"I DID IT ONCE— I'LL DO IT AGAIN!"

"Ali gets the first title shot." Those were Leon's words in Detroit at a news conference announcing he had retained a Detroit law firm to direct his affairs.

By LEON SPINKS
HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION OF THE WORLD

MUHAMMAD Ali will be tougher the second time around. It sure ain't gonna be no piece of cake in New Orleans on September 15 at the Superdome. But I'm telling you, I did it once. I'll do it again.

I'll tell you how important this fight is to me. Boxing is my business. It's my life. I want to be No. 1 in what I love so deeply for a long, long time. You know, winning the Olympics in 1976 at Montreal was Goal One in my life. Goal Two was to win the heavyweight championship. Now I come to Goal Three. I want to be a great champion—a champion as great as Muhammad Ali.

How am I going to beat Ali again? Just by putting the pressure on like I did the first time in Las Vegas. Last February, I told anyone who asked me that I was going to pressure Ali. I said he was gonna rope-a-dope and hold something back for the late rounds. What I didn't want to give away was the secret that my pressuring him was going to leave Muhammad with empty hands for the last two rounds. I was right.

I learned an awful lot from that title fight. I learned a lot about myself. And for the last few weeks back in training with my teacher and good friend, Sam Solomon, I've been learning lots more about being a better fighter. See, Sam Solomon is more than a trainer. He is like a father to me. Sam doesn't only teach me about boxing. He talks to me about a lot of things besides.

Like he talks to me about relating to people of all kinds. Sam has been around sports a long time. Not only boxing. He was a Negro League baseball player, a pro who knew Judy Johnson, Satchel Paige, Cool Papa Bell, and all those other great guys.

Sam Solomon knew Jack Blackburn and he explained to me who Mr. Blackburn was; that he was the great trainer—of Joe Louis right from the start. Sam handled Ernie Terrell and Sonny Liston. He never got the full credit he deserved for the great job he did in helping me beat Ali for the title last February in Las Vegas. Let me explain.

See, I wasn't all that great when I fought Scott LeDoux and Alfio Righetti late in 1977. Sam was patient with me. First, he let me know that I was improving all the time and that I had learned something from the two fights. Right off when we first went to camp in late December, 1977, he worked hard teaching me how to cut the ring off against a smooth man like Ali. He stopped me from windmilling with my haymakers, made me shorten up on my best punches. He taught me what to expect from Ali and how to counter with him.

When the work of the day is over, maybe after we finish dinner, Sam and I will sit and talk. About a lot of things, but mostly about life and the way old Sam has lived it and what he's seen and learned. Of course, it always comes back to boxing talk. Sometimes, right in the room we are in, Sam will stand up and make me stand up too and show me a move in boxing. Like how to block or how to come in strong.

(Above) Spinks holds The Ring's championship belt aloft after the presentation ceremony. (Below) Leon places his arm around Muhammad Ali after beating him by split decision in Las Vegas.

Spinks is shown on the receiving end as he gets valuable instruction from his trainer, Sam Solomon. Leon's victory over Ali in their first encounter was possibly the biggest upset in the history of boxing.

Know what I do when I don't work out in the gym? I just love to listen to rhythm and blues and soul music. I've got lots of great cassettes. My great favorite is a vocal by Marvin Gay. It's called "You Gotta Give It Up!" That's what I kept saying all the time last winter to Muhammad Ali. "Give it up, Champ!" I told him it was time for an ambitious young guy like me to take over the heavyweight class. "You are the Greatest, but I am the Latest," is what I said to Ali.

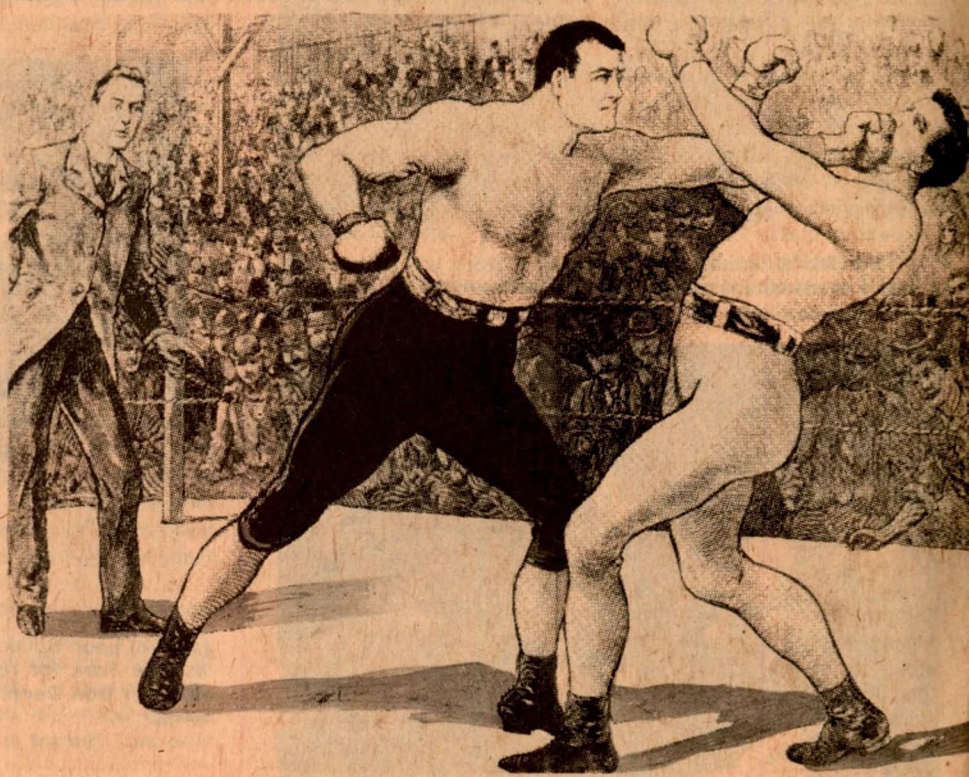
Now I'm standing right on top of the mountain and there's no way Muhammad is going to push me off.

(Above) Leon Spinks and wife Nova, beaming with pride, arrive in New York for rematch with Ali. (Left) Spinks talks to announcer Don Dunphy. "Being the champion means everything to me!"

NEW ORLEANS: FIGHT SCENE

By JOAN F. LOUBET

(Above) Champion Joe Frazier knocks Terry Daniels through the ropes in the fourth round of their world title bout in New Orleans, January 15, 1972. (Below) Artist's conception of the Corbett-Sullivan fight of 1892. This was part of the New Orleans "Carnival of Champions"—three championship bouts staged on three successive nights.



FIGHT headlines in New Orleans are nothing new. The Spinks-Ali contest will make the third time a heavyweight championship match has been held in the Crescent City. It was there, eighty-six years ago almost to the day—September 7, 1892—that the great John L. lost his title to young Lochinvar from the west, James J. Corbett, and grown men wept openly at the fall of their idol. It was there, on January 15, 1972, that Joe Frazier demolished a game Terry Daniels in a pot-boiler that never should have happened, and the only tears shed were in sympathy for Daniels and frustration that such a mismatch was made at all. But there are those who said the same thing about Ali-Spinks I.

New Orleans has had its ups and downs before and after that as an important fistic center. This fight puts the old Creole town back in the boxing limelight.

One Samuel O'Rourke is credited with having introduced prize fighting, after the English fashion, in New Orleans about 1829. When James Burke, "The Deaf 'Un,'" administered a brutal battering to Simon Byrne, the Irish champion, which resulted in Byrne's death, O'Rourke became so enraged that he issued a furious challenge to Burke. The defi culminated in a battle on the banks of Bayou St. John in 1836 between the self-styled "Champion of America and Ireland" and Burke, Champion of Great Britain, and most of the ruffian population of New Orleans where O'Rourke kept a tavern. O'Rourke's thugs broke into the ring in the third round when Burke was winning and the latter had to flee for his life.

Subsequent fights were only slightly more orderly, if illegal, and in the '80s a dozen or so gentlemen of Louisiana banded together and formed a club where clean, honest sporting events could be held. Thus was born the famous Olympic Club. By 1890, the

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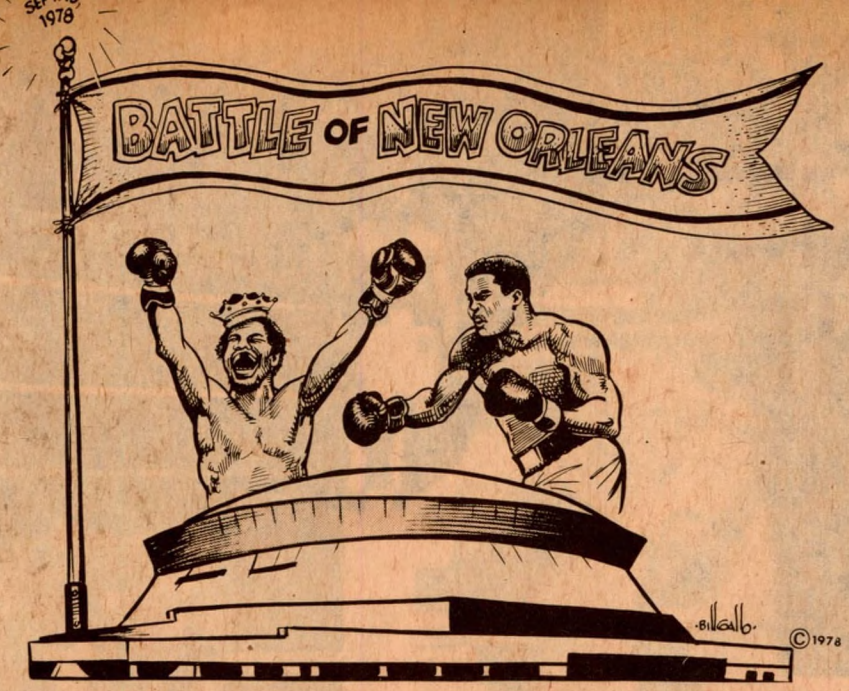


THE EXPERTS PREDICT:

The Ring Staff And Others Who Should Know Make Their Predictions

WHO will win the fight? Everybody and his brother takes a stab at making a prediction before an important championship contest. *The Ring* staff is joined by heavyweight champs and contenders, past and present, in attempting to predict the winner of the second Ali-Spinks affair.

THE RING STAFF:

Nat Loubet: The upcoming Ali-Spinks fight is a mixture of experience and know-how on Ali's part against youth, desire, and hunger on the part of Spinks. Spinks, at twenty-four, has the big factor of stamina and condition. Ali, in condition, will defeat Spinks due to the youngster's greenness. An Ali out of shape, or a man who is not prepared mentally and physically to fight for fiteen rounds, is in trouble. I pick Ali because he is too smart not to know what he faces and what he must do. His only problem is that, at age thirty-six, can he do what he must?

John Ort: The good life will make Mr. Spinks a target for Ali, who will be in better shape than in bout one. Muhammad will work to win every ruond this time, no fooling around. Leon will press, but Ali will counter him to death and win a fifteen-round nod while cutting Spinks up. The decision will be close.

Sam Taub: Leon Spinks startled the boxing world in capturing the heavyweight crown from Muhammad Ali. No question that he won. He's young and, despite the stories of drugs and other stimulants, he should turn the trick again. It's a matter of youth against age.

Herbert G. Goldman: Ali by kayo in twelve. He'll take it all away from Leon in the early rounds, and only gameness on the part of Spinks will keep it going that long.

Arthur Rembert: Ali via k.o. in nine. Muhammad Ali is still head and shoulders above Leon Spinks in terms of overall ability, despite the fact that he will be but four months from this thirty-seventh birthday at fight time. I look for Ali to stop Spinks by the ninth round in a fight that will be no contest.

Joe Lee: I thought a "half" Muhammad Ali could whip Spinks in their first meeting. I was wrong, of course, but I must go back to Ali in the return match. This time, I will have a "complete, full measure" of Ali going for me. There will be no "rope-a-dope" performance this time. A determined Ali, with a burning pride to win the title for a record third time, will punish Spinks severely and put him away in six rounds.

HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPS AND CONTENDERS, PAST AND PRESENT:

Joe Louis: If Ali is in any kind of shape, he should win the fight. If, however, the fight goes the distance, the champ should have the edge.

Gene Tunney: Ali has experience, but lacks youth; Spinks has youth on his side but no ring generalship. I would not even hazard a guess, let alone a prediction.

Jersey Joe Walcott: Ali, if he trains seriously and separates himself from everything but training. With all his skills, I don't think there'll be any question but that he will win.

Floyd Patterson: If Spinks is taking his training seriously, I believe he will defeat Ali, but if he is in any way using stimulants, I would have to go with Ali.

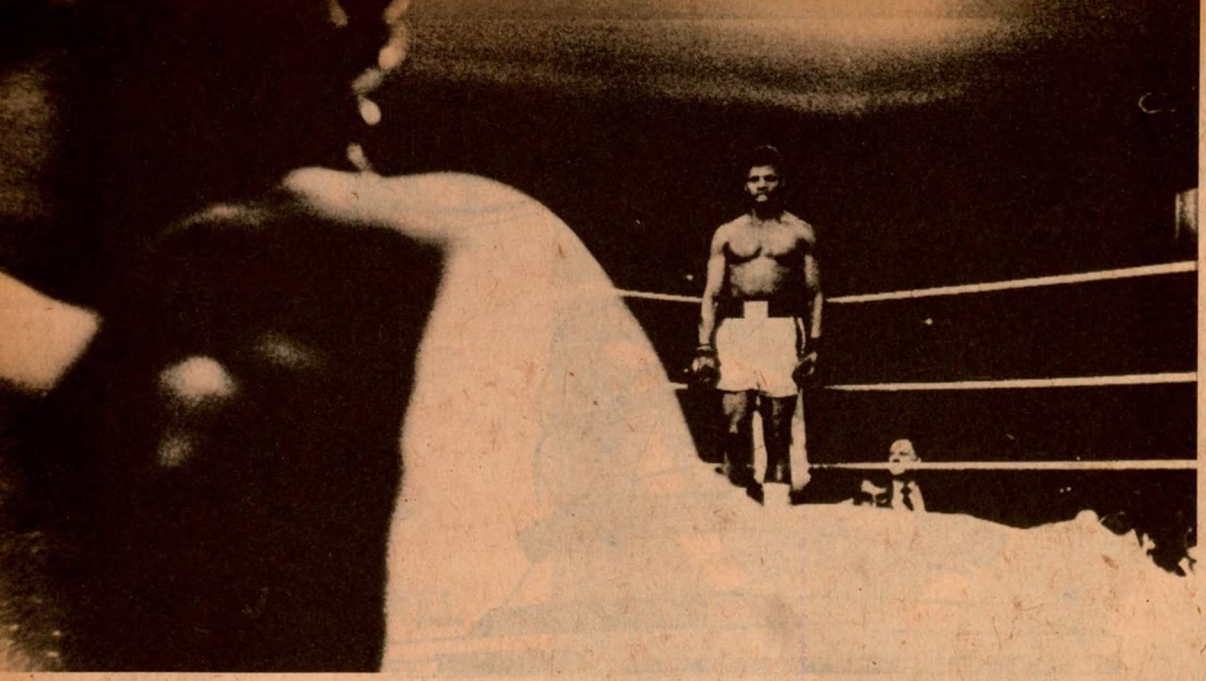
Lou Nova: I used to have better sparring partners than Spinks.

Ken Norton: If Ali gets himself into halfway decent condition, he should win the fight easily. I don't think Spinks could beat any of the five or six top contenders in the world.

Larry Holmes: I would like to pick Muhammad Ali to win. He was a great fighter and a great champion. If he wins, it would be the first time that a man ever won the title three times, and he deserves it. To do it, he must be in condition, and I believe that he will. A man of Ali's ability and great versatility should not lose again to a Leon Spinks.

Ernest Terrell: Ali ought to wise up and pack in the fight biz for his own safety."

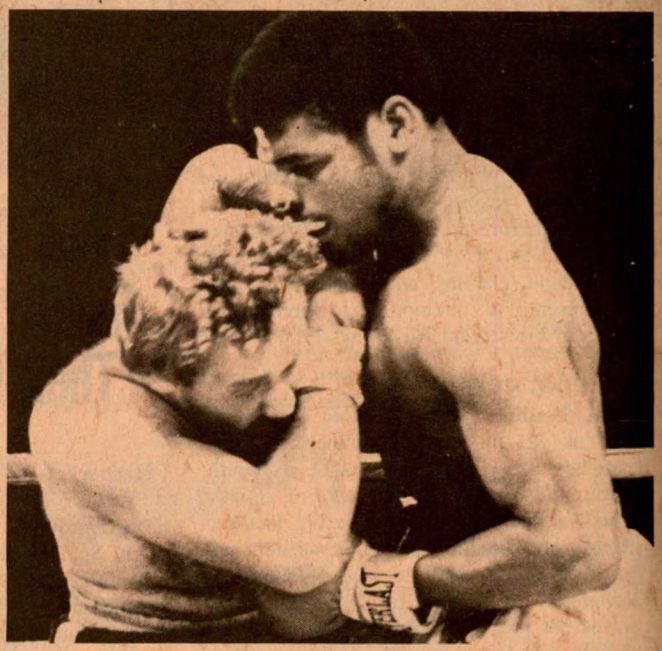
Ron Lyle: If Ali is in any kind of shape, he'll take it without question. Should Ali win and then retire, I would like to then fight Spinks.



Leon Spinks stands back in a neutral corner as the referee counts Peter Freeman out after fifty-six seconds of the first round of their scheduled six-rounder in Liverpool, March 5, 1977.

Scott LeDoux held Leon to a draw in Vegas on October 22nd. LeDoux outweighed Spinks thirty pounds. It was Leon's sixth pro fight.

WHAT NOW, SPINKS?



By CHARLES D. BROWN

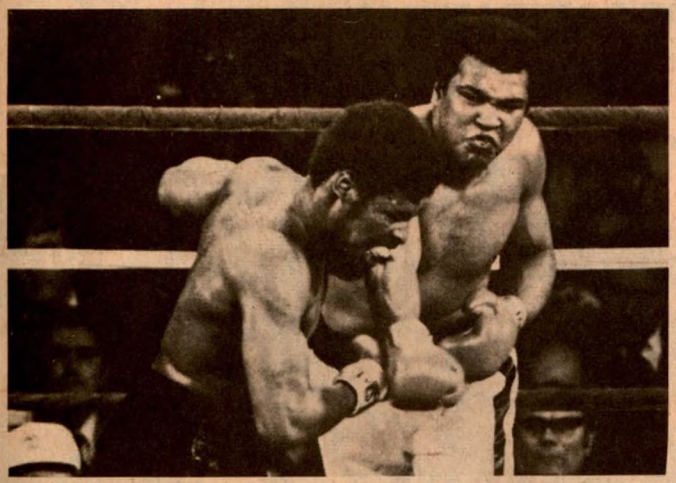
NOW, they are calling Leon Spinks champ. And without disparaging this young man's surprising victory or the talents that produced it, Leon Spinks may soon be wishing he had taken the slow road. If anything is harder than getting to the top it is staying on top once you get there. Now that Leon has it, what is he going to do with it?

In knocking Muhammed Ali off the top rung of the heavyweight ladder, Leon Spinks will soon discover that he has created open season on himself. If the idea of removing the crown from the head of a frayed Muhammed Ali was so popular among today's heavyweights, the prospect of removing it from the head of a man with only eight pro fights to his credit will have leading heavyweight contenders literally salivating with anticipation. Even Leon Spinks cannot class himself as the complete fighter with so little to learn that he can fight just anybody. His defenses will have to be chosen carefully, on the one hand. But on the other hand, the boxing public will be very impatient, if not furious, with carefully chosen Spinks defenses. They permitted Muhammed Ali the luxury of this type of defense—Muhammed had paid his ring dues and was entitled to an occasional night of ease. But Leon Spinks will be constantly pressured to show that the Ali win was no fluke—the boxing generation at large will demand only the pick of the litter for his challengers. Every day of his reign will be spent proving that his winning the title involved more than just beating what was left of Muhammad Ali. He can't go back to fighting Bob Smith or Pedro Agosto, or even Alfio Righetti. Even if Leon can't stand heights, he has no choice but to move upward. Each day of rest he takes, he runs the risk of it being called a day of cowardice, of delay, of loafing while the contenders burn. Leon Spinks will be called upon to clean up the entire heavyweight division inside eighteen months—because he is young; because he allegedly has a punch; because he beat the greatest, not the mediocrest.

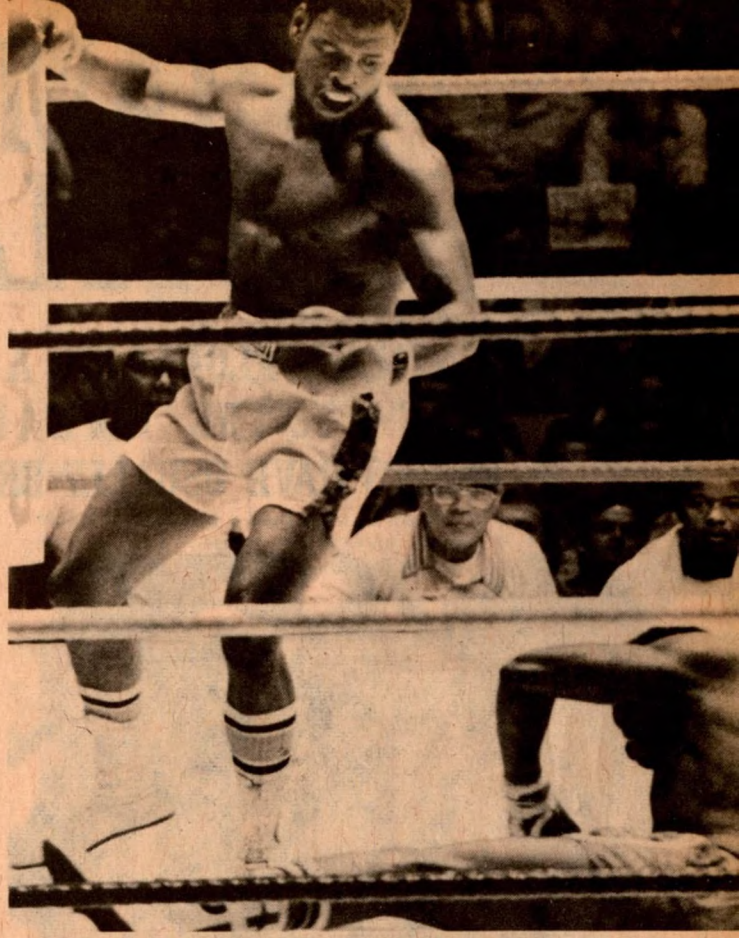
Larry Holmes, the new W.B.C. king, a fearsome undefeated puncher, will doubtless scream for a match. And while George Foreman has allegedly retired to spread the word of the Gospel, it could have been people with more boxing smarts that forced the switch in jobs. It remains to be seen whether the ascent of a young puncher to the throne will inspire an attack of sudden atheism in the former king of the punchers, George Foreman.

And, of course, there is the Great One himself, Muhammed Ali. A rematch with the silhouette of Ali certainly has guaranteed box-office appeal, and nobody can quarrel with it as a fistic attraction. But while it is the most practical course for Spinks to take at this time, will the pressure brought to bear on this young man allow time for practicality?

Nobody is quite sure of the depth of Leon Spinks' abilities yet. As a result, his defeat of Ali has made the heavyweight title seem more within easy reach then ever before in boxing history. Leon, two minutes after you were called the winner, the line started forming to the right. And it is getting longer all the time. If you are enjoying peace and tranquility right now, Leon Spinks, I advise you to bottle it for posterity. The conqueror of Muhammed Ali is going to have to put up with things that the conqueror of Alfio Righetti never dreamed of. From now on, you are the man at the carnival with his head sticking out of the baseball target. Everybody will want a crack at you, for fun or for profit. The happiness and attractibility of the heavyweight division depends on how you sort out these clamorers. Rest well. Chances are that you won't be getting much of it from now on.



Spinks takes a good punch! Here he is laced by hard right thrown by Muhammad Ali in their first fight. In their next meeting, Spinks can expect more of the same—more than he did in fight #1. What then?



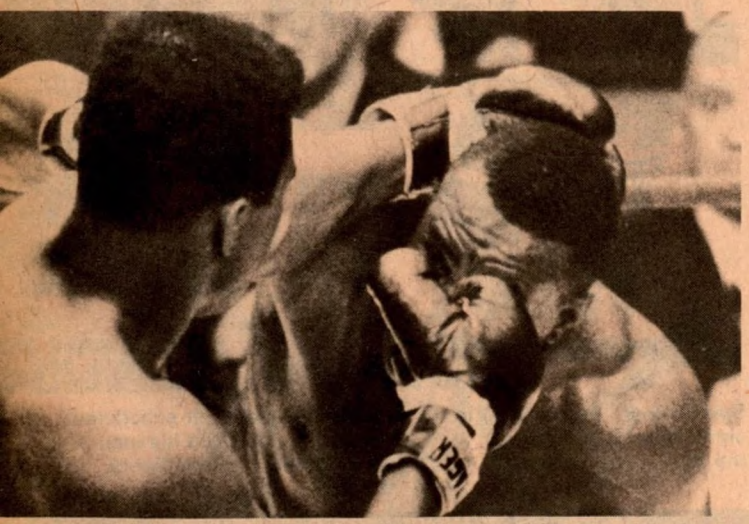
Spinks floors Bruce Scott in the second round of their scheduled eight-rounder in Montreal, June 1, 1977. Leon stopped his man in the next round to register his fifth knockout in as many fights.

Alfio Righetti took Spinks ten rounds in Las Vegas on November 18. This was Leon's last fight before he won the title from Muhammad Ali. Spinks beat Righetti by decision.

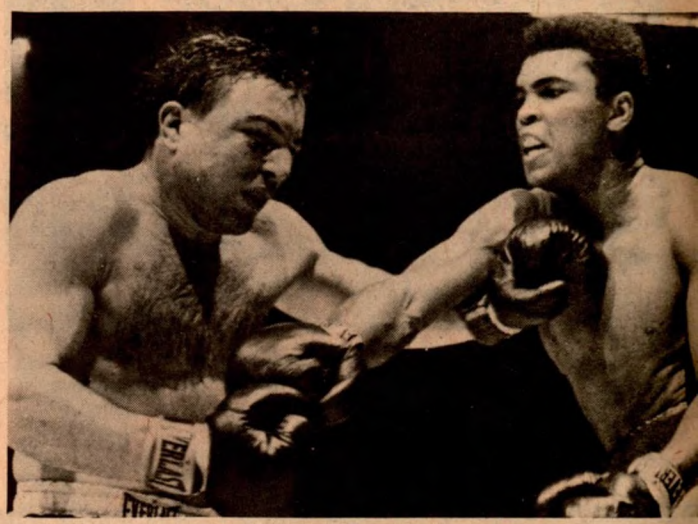
"Lightning Bob" Smith falls under Spinks' attack in the fifth round of their scheduled six-rounder in Las Vegas, January 15, 1977. It was Leon's pro debut.

MUHAMMAD ALI IN TITLE BOUTS

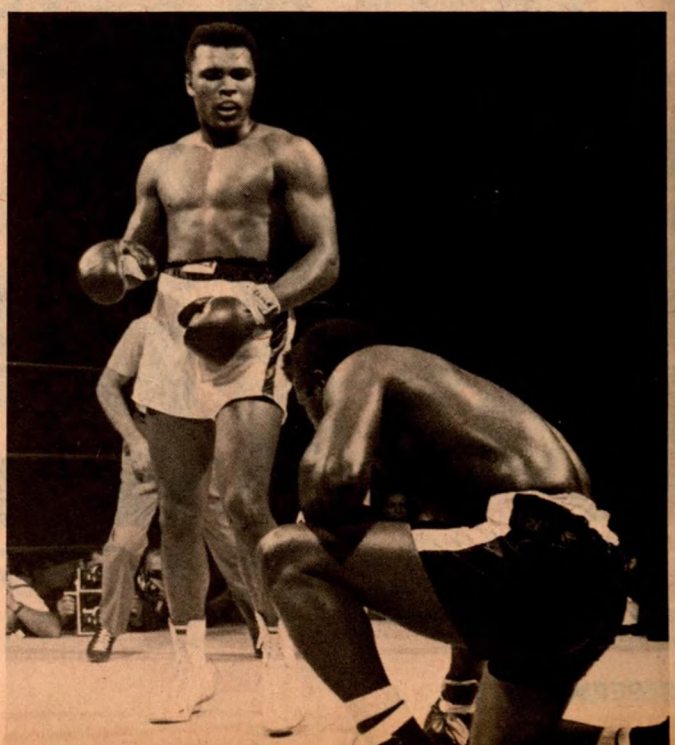
FROM "FLOAT LIKE A BUTTERFLY, STING LIKE A BEE" TO THE "ROPE-A-DOPE," MUHAMMAD'S TITLE FIGHTS HAVE USUALLY BEEN AMONG "THE GREATEST!"

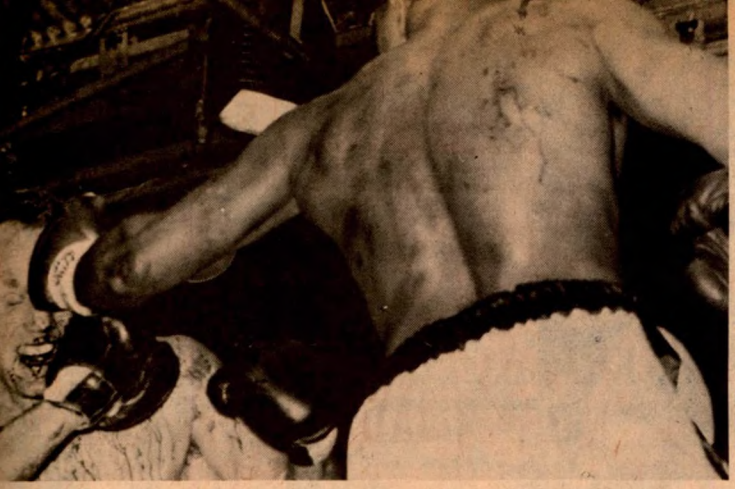


(Above) Cassius Clay, as he was then known as, bangs a right to the face of Sonny Liston en route to winning the world's heavy title for the first time, via seventh round TKO, on February 25, 1964. (Below) Liston attempts to parry one of Ali's blows during their rematch in Lewiston, Maine on May 25, 1965. It ended in the first round.

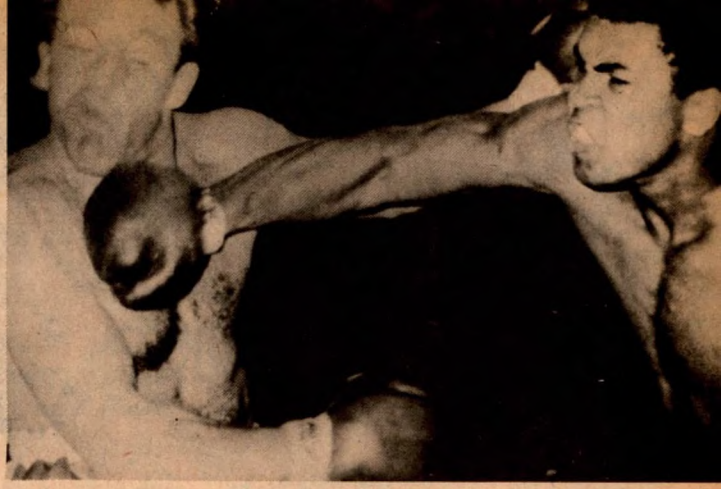


(Above) Muhammad follows through on a hard right to the head of Canadian George Chuvalo in the fourth round of their Toronto title fight. Ali won by a unanimous decision. (Below) Floyd Patterson is down against Muhammad in their Las Vegas title tilt, November 22, 1965.

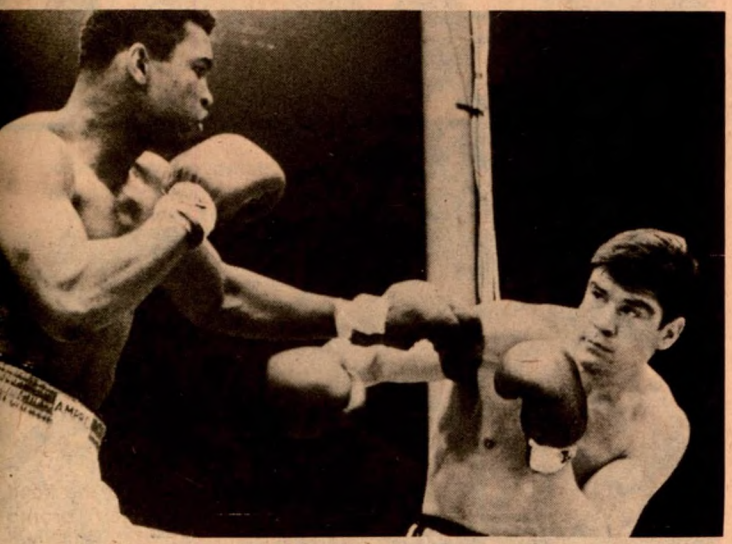




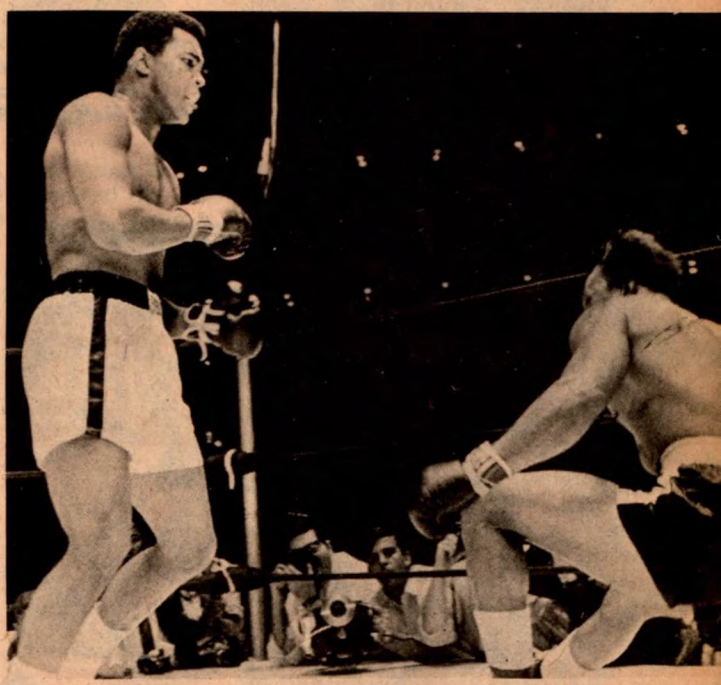
British challenger Henry Cooper grimaces as he takes a hard left jab from Ali in their London title scrap, May 21, 1966. The fight was scrapped just moments later, with Muhammad winning on a TKO.

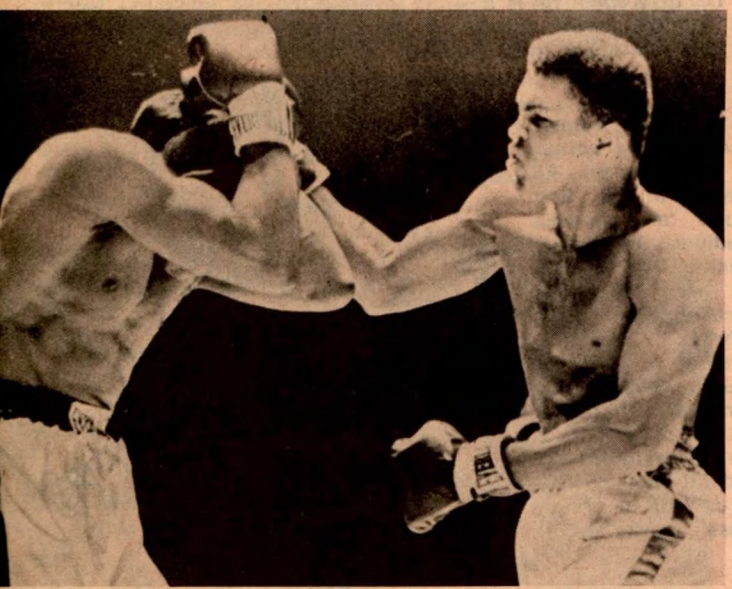


Muhammad lands a hard right to the jaw of Brian London in the first round of another Ali defense, August 6, 1966. Muhammad knocked out Brian in the third.

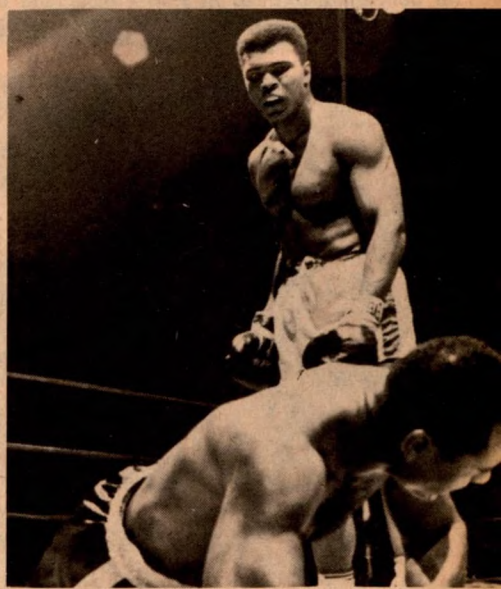


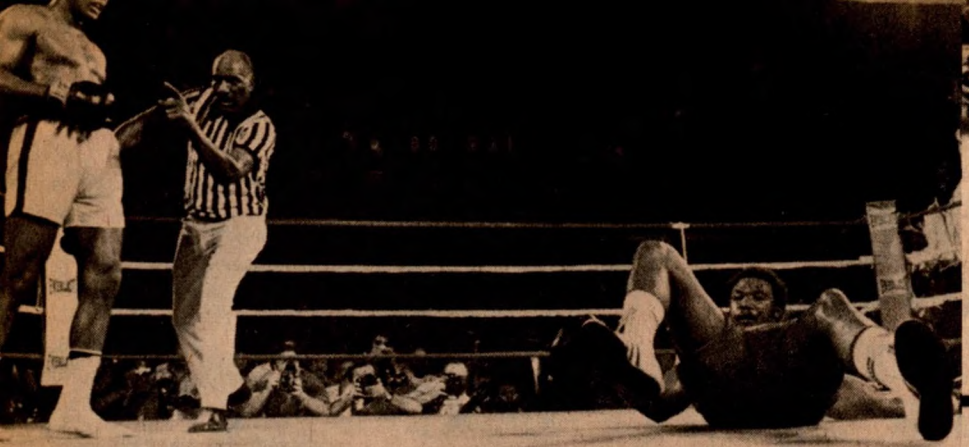
(Above) Ali connects with a left jab at Karl Mildenberger in the second round of title bout in Frankfurt, Germany, September 10, 1966. The fight was stopped in the twelfth round, Muhammad chalking up another TKO. (Right) The "Big Cat," Cleveland Williams, crumples to the canvas from a flurry of Muhammad's blows.



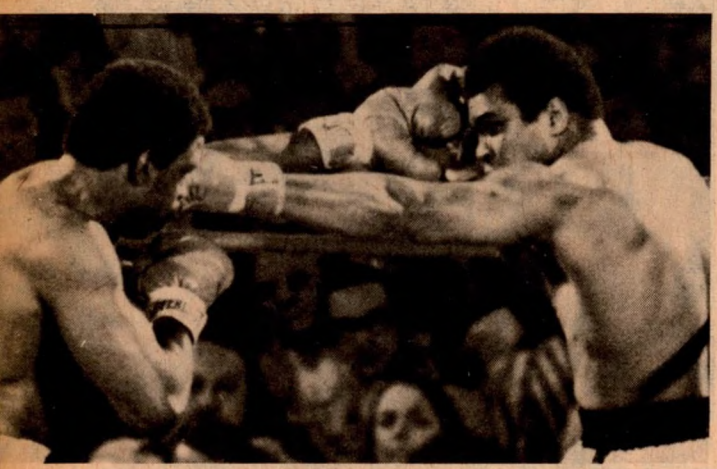


(Left) Ali lands a right to the head of Ernie Terrell in the first round of their title bout in the Houston Astrodome. Terrell had been declared champ by the W.B.A. Muhammad took unanimous decision to win back the "undisputed" title. (Right) Ali stands over Zora Folley, whom he kayoed at 1:48 of the seventh round, March 22, 1967.

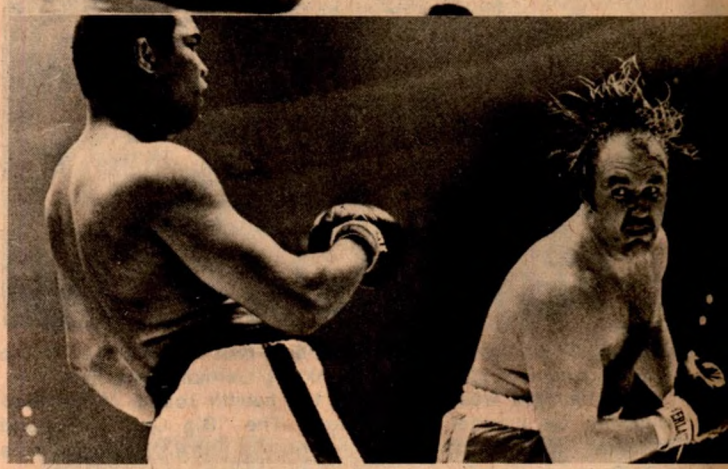




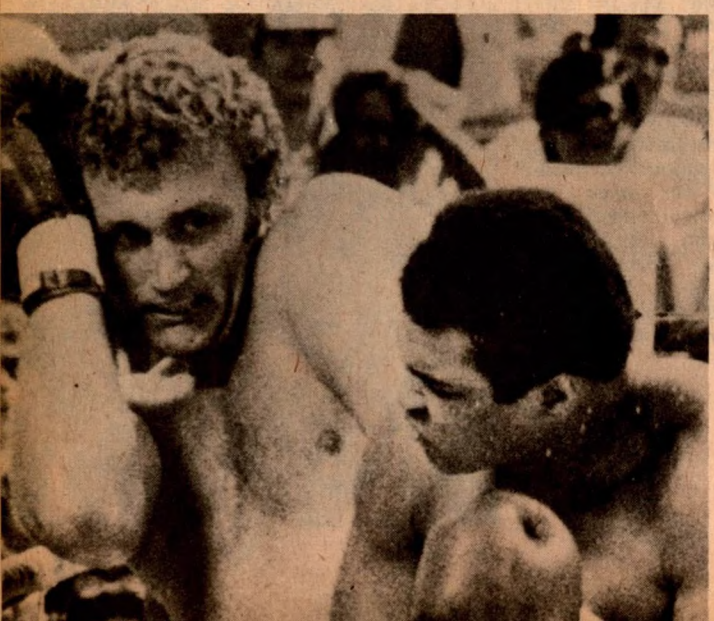
(Above) The "Rope-A-Dope" triumphant! George Foreman looks up from flat on his back as Muhammad Ali becomes the second boxer to regain the world's heavyweight championship. Bout was held in Kinshasa, Zaire. (Right) Ali is flat on his back as Joe Frazier walks away in fifteenth round of their fight in New York, March 8, 1971. Frazier won unanimous decision.



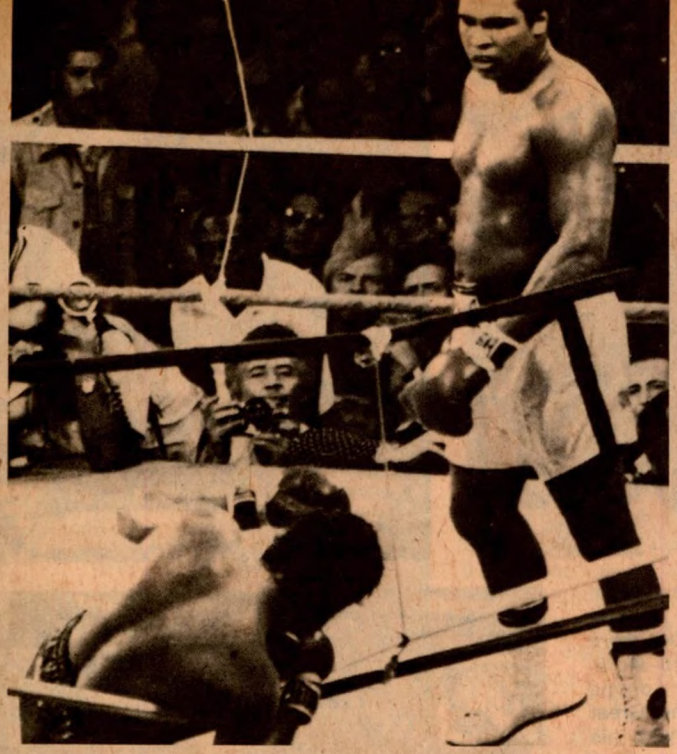
Ali delivers a left jab to Ron Lyle's face in first round action. Muhammad stopped Ron in eleven rounds, May 16, 1975. Bout was held in Las Vegas, Nevada.



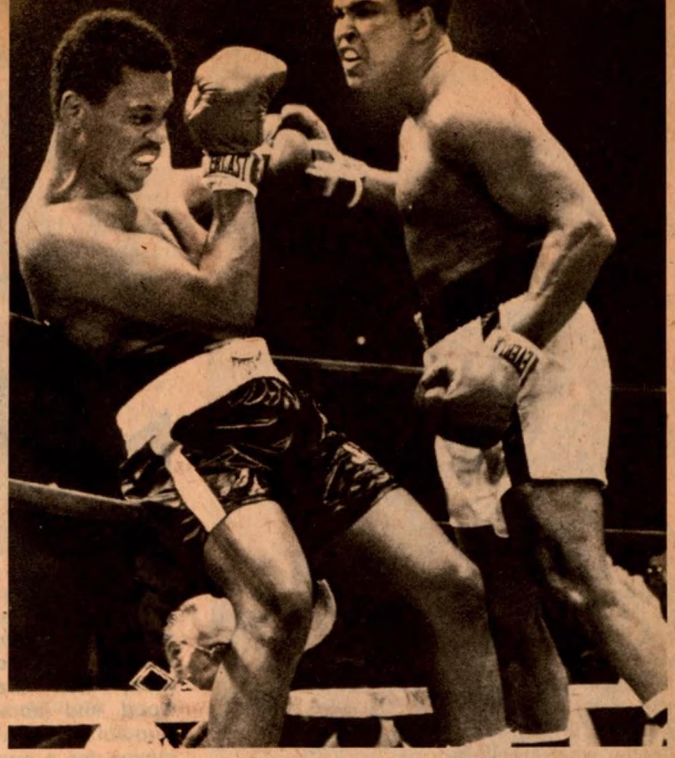
Chuck Wepner takes a swing at Ali in the second round, March 24, 1975. Chuck scored an official knockdown of Ali, but was himself stopped in the fifteenth and last round.



(Left) Joe Bugner covers up in corner as Muhammad Ali attacks in the first round at Merdeka Stadium in Kuala Lumpur, July 1, 1975. Ali won unanimous decision. (Right) The "Thrilla In Manila," October 1, 1975. Ali pounds Frazier in the thirteenth round. Joe did not come out for the fifteenth round, and Ali won by TKO in one of the ring's classic fights.



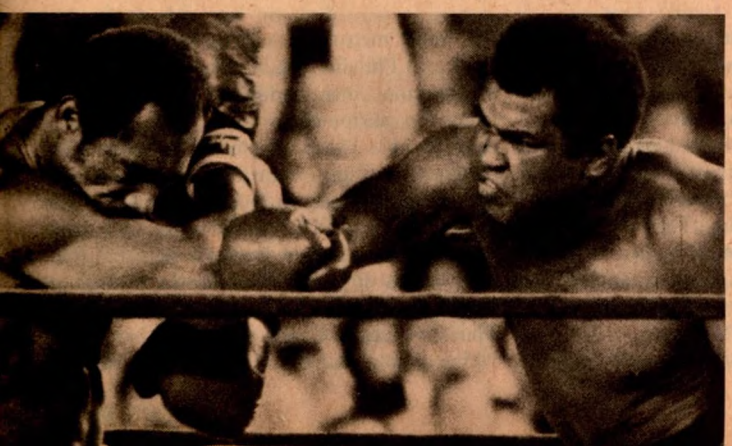
Jean-Pierre Coopman hangs onto the ropes in the fifth round. Muhammad scored a knockout at 2:46 of the round to retain his title. Bout was held in San Juan, Puerto Rico, February 20, 1976.

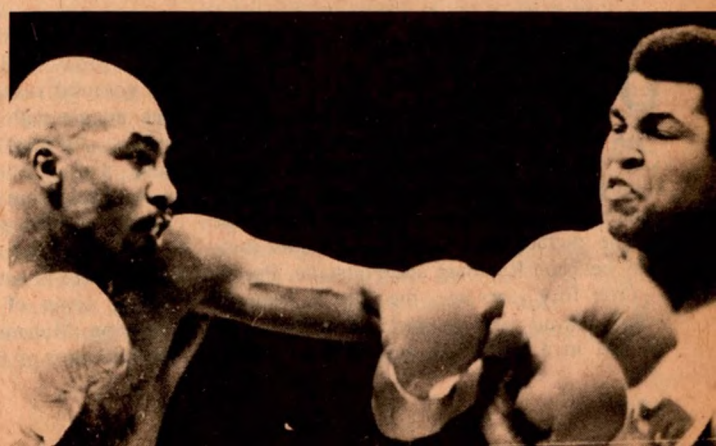


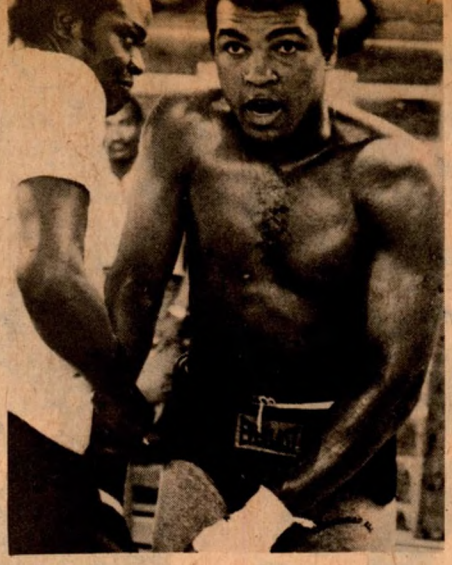
Jimmy Young is up against the ropes as a 230-pound Ali attacks. Muhammad won a unanimous, but hightly disputed, decision to hold on as champion in Landover, Maryland on April 30, 1976.

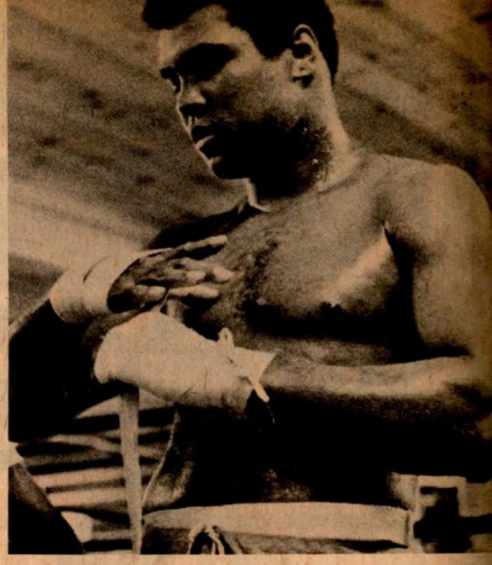
(Above) Muhammad tests the fist of British challenger Richard Dunn prior to their title fight in Munich. Ali stopped Dunn in the fifth round. (Below) Ali lands a right on Ken Norton in the fifteenth and last round of championship defense in Yankee Stadium, New York, September 28, 1976. Muhammad won by a unanimous decision.

(Above) Alfredo Evangelista reaches into Ali's midsection in the first round of their title fight in Landover, May 16, 1977. Ali won unanimous decision. (Below) Earnie Shavers bounces a long left off Ali's head in Madison Square Garden in New York. Ali kept his title by unanimous decision.









Even in training there's room for jest (right) as Ali "spars" with a stuffed gorilla, but there is also plenty of hard work. (Left) The Greatest chops wood, and (above) The Great Bundini helps Ali on with his gloves for a sparring session after the champ has taped his hands.

CAMP OF ALI, DEER LAKE, PA.

By STU BERMAN

DEER Lake, Pennsylvania, is located three and a half hours west of New York City via Interstate Highway 78 westbound through the hamlet of Hamburg, Pa. The training camp of Muhammad Ali looms large in the picturesque Pocono Mountains midway between Hamburg and Pottsville, Pa.

Over fifty years ago, the state of Pennsylvania played host to Jack Dempsey, who trained in a tiny town named Stroudsburg, which is about 100 miles northeast of Deer Lake. Today, Ali is quite an attraction in this peaceful rustic countryside. Local denizens mingle with boxing fans and curiosity seekers, fighters and former fighters, the great and the near-great. One revered sportswriter from Binghamton, New York, called this place—"The Temple of Fistiana." True and certain it is. For in all of sports, there is nothing quite the same as the training camp of the world's heavyweight champion, Muhammad Ali.

While most of the visitors drive here from the large metropolitan areas such as New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Washington, many admirers of Ali roll in from the surrounding towns and villages. Pennsylvania Dutch farmers with their Germanic accents mix with the "coal crackers" from the anthracite coal country nearby. Not all are boxing fans. Muhammad Ali continues to draw people from all walks of life. And he has done this since the days when he was Cassius Clay, the Olympic champion. Thus, we see the rich and poor, black and white, young and old all gravitating to Deer

When Ali trains, it isn't only fight fans who flock to witness the spectacle, but also those who want to see the antics of a famous personality.

Lake, Pa.—the camp of the champ.

The camp grounds were hacked out of a dense pine forest where massive boulders still abound. The numerous wooden structures could be mistaken for a Northwest lumber camp. However, each building here has a purpose. The standout structure is the gymnasium building erected by Ali and Company in 1971. It is well equipped with the most modern ring apparatus: speed bags, heavy bags and mirrors for shadow boxing. Other buildings include kitchen and dining facilities, offices and bunkhouses. Finally, there is an unpretentious white Muslim mosque which Ali and his followers visit for daily prayer and meditation.

One of the many facets of the fabulous personality of Muhammad Ali is his ability to communicate with people. His native intelligence and sense of humor make him a magnet for visitors to his camp. He mingles easly with friends and strangers "preaching and teaching."

This day he would hold court for the large crowd who came to see the man they say is the greatest of all heavyweight champions. They came from Schuykill Haven, Harrisburg and the lower East Side of Manhattan. Not one was disappointed.

"Ah am theee greatest," Ali bellowed to the crowd, "Here I am alive and in living color." The crowd laughs: they love it. This is what they came to see. And some of the scene will be recorded by the many Instamatic cameras stuck to the myriad of faces. Ali, the champ, spars with the gathering crowd and they press closer as they have been doing for years.

What is this magnetism? It clearly has stood the test of time. Let us look back into history. A flashback in time to Cassius Marcellus Clay who worked on a Kentucky plantation and called himself "the descendant of slaves."

Young Cassius or "Cash" as he was called, first put on boxing gloves at age 12 in a downtown Louisville gymnasium. By the time he was 18 in the year 1960, he had won 108 amateur bouts and lost only eight. Kid Cassius had won two national AAU titles, two national Golden Glove championships and a U.S. Olympic Gold Medal.

Clay used his Olympic triumph as a launching pad and public relations forum. The bright, handsome, charming young man was recognized across America and the world was beginning to notice him. He turned professional under the guidance of the astute trainer Angelo Dundee and won nine bouts in his first year as a pro—six via the knockout route.

As he fought his way up the precarious heavyweight ladder, he became more outspoken and arrogant in public. "I am the greatest," he proclaimed to all, and then, "I am the prettiest." Soon he began reciting poetry and naming the round in which he would stop his opponent. "He'll be mine in nine".

Writers could barely believe their eyes or ears at Clay's antics, but he surely made good copy. The newspapers quickly dubbed him: Gaseous Cassius, The Lousville Lip, The Mighty Mouth et al. Some did not particularly care for him, but they could not ignore him. People who had little interest in the ring turned out to see him fight, probably one half hoping he would win and the other half praying he would get his big mouth slammed shut.

And therein lies the key—love him or hate him, he brings the multitudes out.

Jack Dempsey once said about Cassius Clay, "I don't care if he can't fight a lick, I'm for him. Things are alive again in boxing."

Soon after he defeated Sonny Liston for the heavyweight title, Cassius Clay made an historic announcement. He announced that he was a member of the Black Muslim religious sect. He changed his name first to Cassius X and later it became Muhammad Ali. The name made little difference—he was the same ebullient personality.

Dizzy Dean, who also had a way with words, once said. "It ain't braggin' if you can do it." And over the years, Muhammad Ali certainly proved he could do it. He

Muhammad Ali takes a break from the rigors of training for a ride around the Deer Lake camp, which was cut out of a dense pine forest.

punched his way out of the Louisville ghetto to become an Olympic champion. He filled sports arenas around the world as he said he would and he predicted the round he would stop an opponent. Yes, he could do it.

He silenced his critics and he silenced Howard Cosell (no easy job) . He gave money generously to little people and little-known charities. Ali became the greatest of heavyweight champs. Perhaps, the greatest athlete of our time. And maybe, the most widely known person in the world today.

With the fame and fortune there was always simplicity in dress patterns and in life style. The grounds of Ali's training camp are not grandiose. Large boulders appear on the landscape, each bearing the name of a past boxing great: Jack Dempsey, Joe Louis, Joe Frazier, names that jump out of the *Ring Record Book*. You see Jack Johnson's name painted on a huge block of anthracite coal, befitting his stature as the first black heavyweight champion in history. . .vivid testimony that the legendary Muhammad Ali is fully aware of his roots.

ALI-SPINKS NO. 1 REVISITED IN PICTURES

ALI IS THE GREATE
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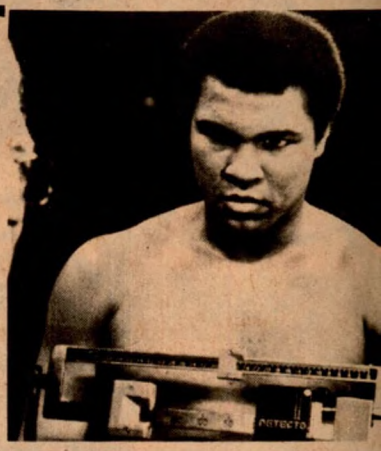
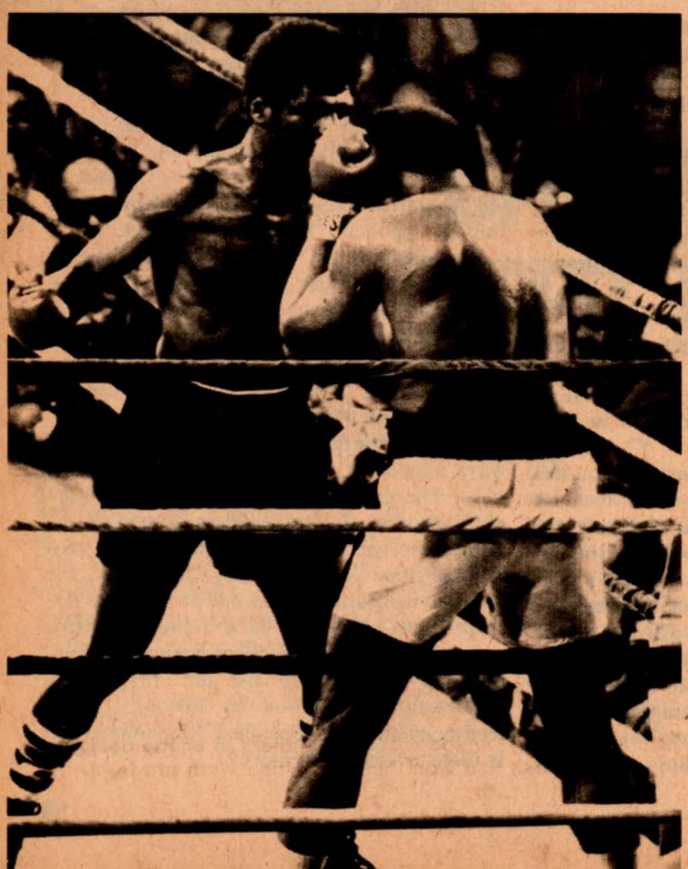
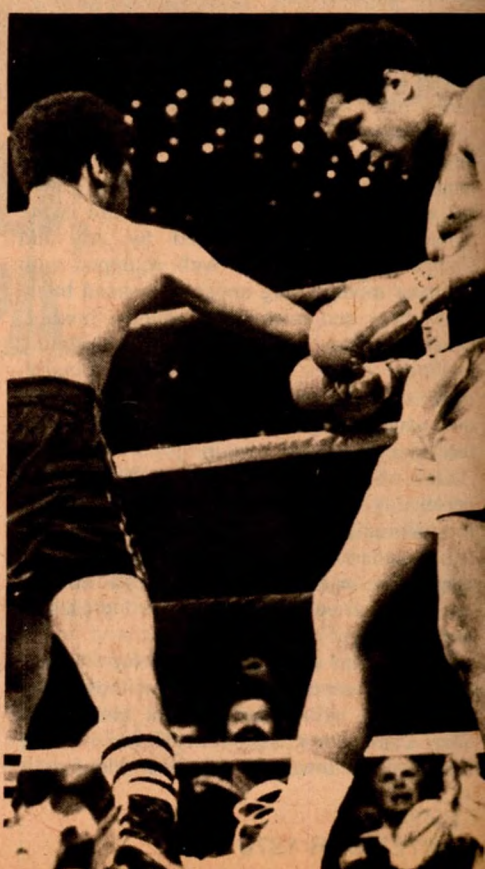
THE RING CAMERA GIVES A "BIRD'S EYE" VIEW OF BOXING'S BIGGEST UPSET



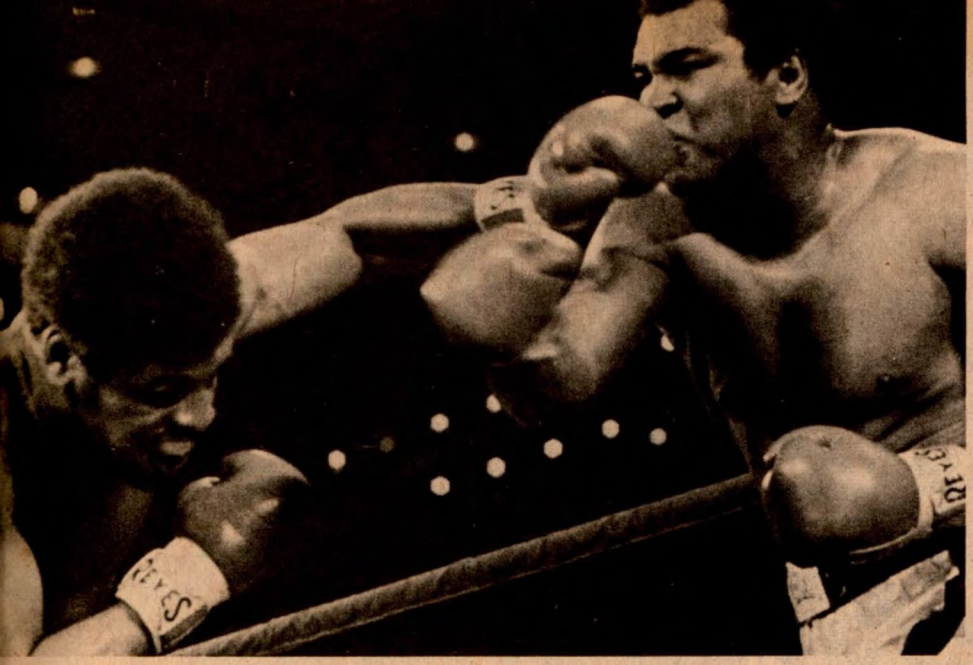
(Above) Leon clowned for the photographers in Las Vegas prior to his first fight with Ali. (Right) Muhammad, top, and Leon, bottom, weighed in at the Hilton Hotel Sports Pavilion.

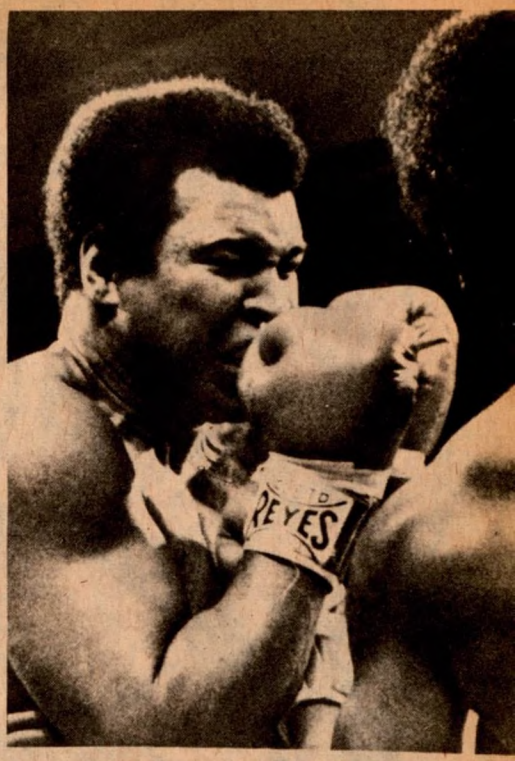


Muhammad covers up in corner as Leon attacks. The "Rope-A-Dope," when used, was not effective against Spinks, who copped a split decision—and the title.

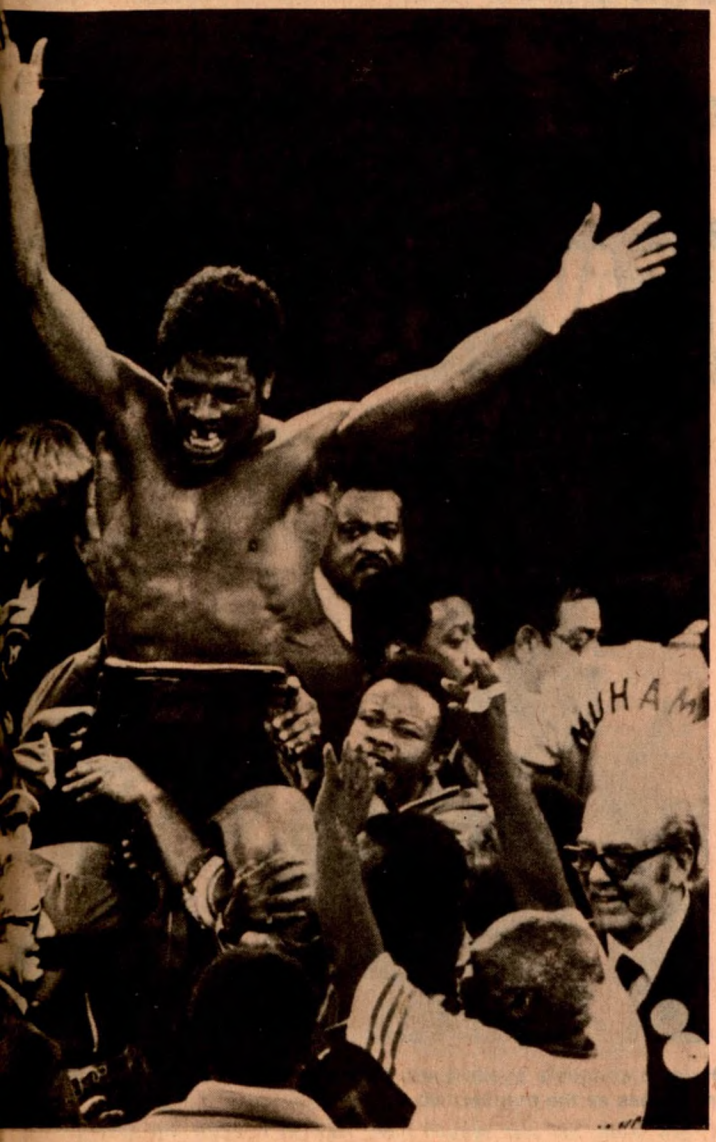


Spinks lands a blow to Ali's midsection in the fifteenth and final round of their encounter. The official scoring of the bout read: Judge Harold Buck, 144-141, Spinks; Judge Lou Tabat, 145-140, Spinks; and Judge Art Lurie, 143-142, Ali. Under Nevada rules, the referee, David Pearl, did not score the fight.





(Above) Leon holds off the charging Ali with a left jab in the seventh round. (Right) Spinks gets a blow in to the chin of champ Muhammad during first round action.



The aftermath. "You're a great fighter and a fine man," said Leon to Muhammad. "Thanks," mumbled Ali, "you ain't so bad yourself."

Leon is lifted on the shoulders of his handlers after the decision is announced. Spinks had won the title in his eighth pro fight.

Ken Norton, left, and Larry Holmes were both on the receiving end in their bout in Las Vegas. Holmes copped a split decision to win WBC recognition as world heavyweight champion.

HOLMES OUTPOINTS NORTON TO WIN WBC HEAVY TITLE

By SHIRLEY NORMAN

LARRY Holmes . . . young, hungry, and undefeated . . . captured Ken Norton's two-month old WBC heavyweight crown by way of a hairline-close split decision.

The fifteen-round blood-and-thunder battle took place at Caesars Palace Sports Pavilion in Las Vegas.

Holmes, who calls himself the "Easton Assassin", and Norton, sometimes known as the "Paper Champ", made no secret of their hatred for each other in the weeks preceding the bout.

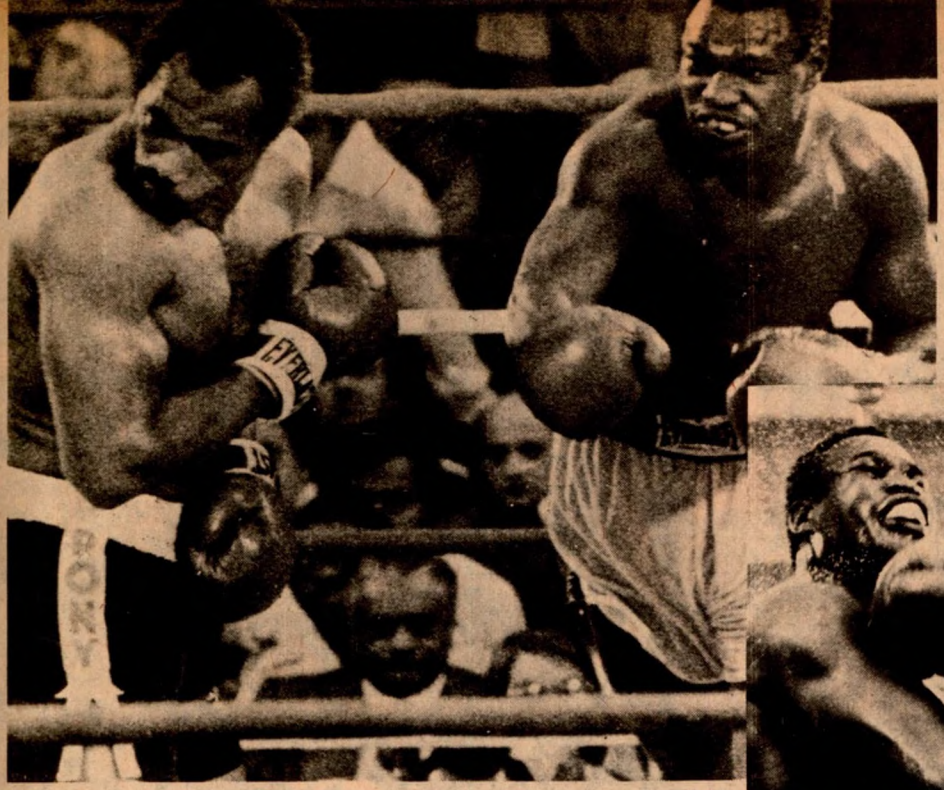
The personal enmity between the two fighters exploded at the opening bell—as Holmes came out swinging with his long left jabs—and Norton immediately countered with overhand rights and combinations.

The second through fifth rounds were evenly matched—with Norton constantly eluding the Holmes attack by covering his face with both gloves.

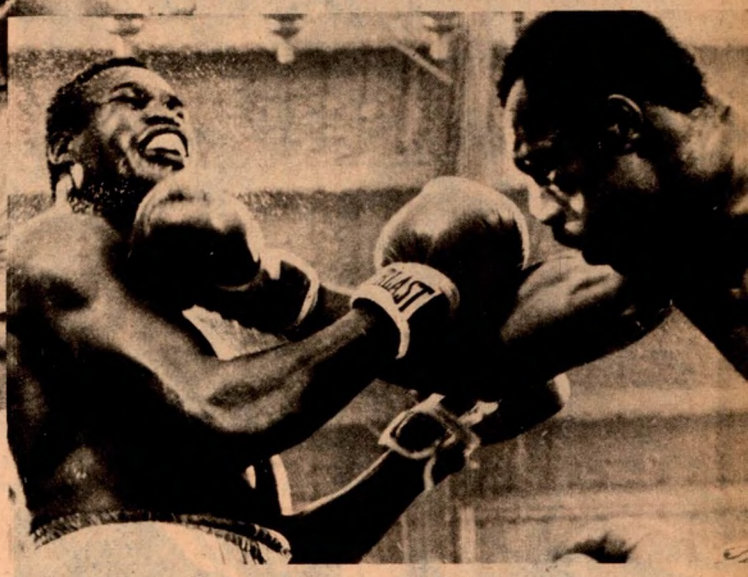
Holmes, however, managed to get through with some furious shots to Norton's head and body. Ken countered with brutal combination punches; and forced his opponent into a dance-around-the ring strategy.

The sixth and seventh rounds saw Norton at his furious best—effectively ducking the Holmes jabs—and coming back with his own letahal lefts and overhand rights to the challenger's body.

Holmes connects again. Larry is still undefeated as a pro, and now rates as the number two contender.



A right by Holmes has found its mark on Norton's jaw. All three judges scored the bout 143-142, two for Holmes and one for Norton.



Norton's right connects with Larry's jaw in fifteenth round action. Holmes took this round on two of the officials' cards to take the fight and Norton's WBC title.

Holmes spent the latter rounds running away from his older opponent—while Norton chased him around the ring, catching the challenger with bombshell combinations.

Holmes appeared to be tiring by the twelfth—but came back to fight a brilliant thirteenth round.

The thirteenth was all Homes, as the "Easton Assassin" attacked with every bomb in his arsenal. Norton was weary and staggered as the bell sounded.

Norton, however, was back in command by the 14th round, and pinned Holmes to a neutral corner—where he pummeled him with a barrage of head and body shots.

The fifteenth and final round saw both fighters engaged in one of boxing's most brutal battles.

Holmes hit Norton with numerous shots to the head—while Norton countered with several fierce uppercuts.

The Holmes fury staggered Norton momentarily; but he recovered and countered with several vicious blows to Holmes' head and body.

The scoring was identical on the cards of all three judges: 143-142. Judge Lou Tabat favored Norton; but judges Joe Swessel and Harold Buck gave the decision and the WBC Title to Holmes.

The scoring was even after the fourteenth round on the cards of all three judges. Holmes won the final round on the basis of his more consistent, more effective jabs. The dissenting judge, Lou Tabat, awarded the round to Norton, stating that Norton's punches were crisper—and his action more aggressive.

Predictions before the bout were divided among heavyweight experts. Former champion Joe Louis felt that Norton would score a knockout—on the basis of his superior strength and experience.

Jimmy Young, a heavyweight contender, stated at the noon weigh-in: "It's pretty hard to pick a winner in this one. But if I had to make a choice, I'd say Norton. I know what Ken can do in the ring. Remember, I fought fifteen rounds with him last November".

Former heavyweight contender Lou Nova predicted a Holmes victory on the basis of the challenger's youth, speed, and agility.

Holmes stablemate Jody Ballard was adamant as he shouted: "Larry will tear him apart!"

Following the fight, a dejected Ken Norton met the press; and stated: "I know it was a close fight—but I thought I won. I was saving my energy in the early rounds; and planned to come on strong in the later rounds. This was a mistake in judgment. I guess I just got caught relaxing."

Ken went on: "I RESPECT Holmes as a fighter; but as far as my personal feelings toward him—that's my own business".

"I thought I won this fight—just like I won the last Ali fight—although this one was much closer."

Norton concluded: "I can't change the judges' decision. So we'll have to put that in the past. I have absolutely no thought of retiring. And I'm game for a re-match with Holmes any time!

Holmes was surprisingly humble in his after fight press interviews and paid tribute to Norton's fighting ability.

"I never underestimated him", said Larry, "but he was stronger than I thought".

Their pre-fight enmity buried in the ring, Holmes continued: "Ken fought like a man—and he lost like a man. And he was man enough to come over and congratulate me".

Holmes explained his victory: "I figured I won the early rounds with my long left jab. I gave him a few of the middle rounds, but you know how strong I looked in the thirteenth round; and I knew I had him in the fifteenth.

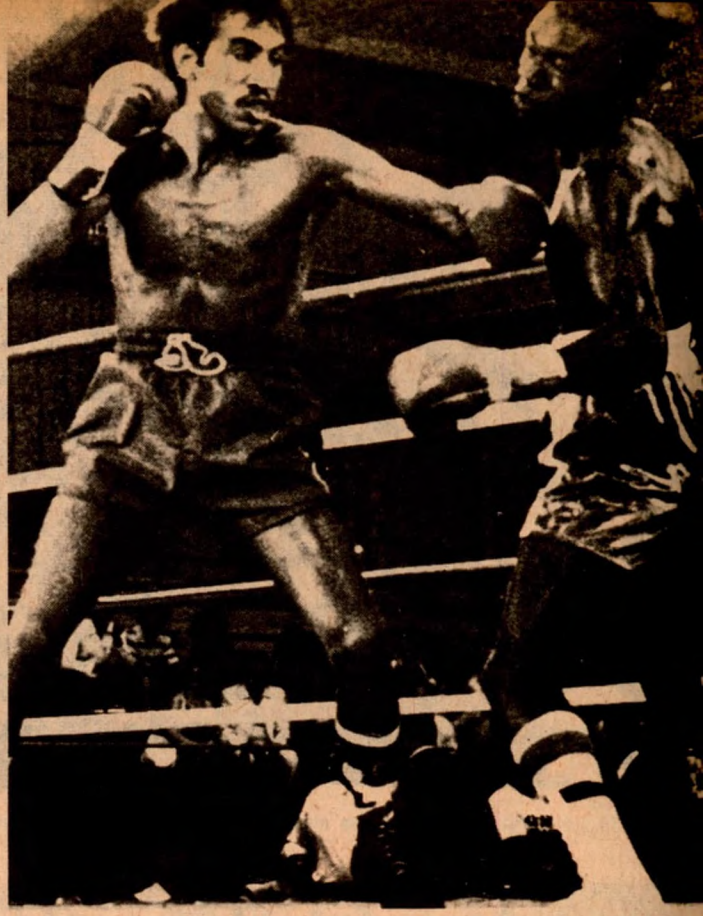
I fought extra hard in that final round; because I wanted to give the people a good closing for this great show!"

Larry grinned: "I'm twenty-eight years old; and my fighting record is 28-0. Twenty-eight is a pretty good number, right?"

Holmes stated that he had nothing to gain by fighting Norton again; and that he would tackle the winner of the Ali-Spinks fight for the undisputed heavyweight championship of the world.

"But I'll also fight anybody that comes along", concluded Holmes. "I plan to be a fighting champion for a lot of years to come".

The Norton-Holmes WBC heavyweight title bout was viewed by a capacity crowd of 5,600 at the Caesars Palace Sports Pavilion.



(Left) Osvaldo Ocasio rides the shoulders of his handlers after scoring upset split decision over Jimmy Young. (Above) Carlos Zarate lands a hard left to the chin of Venezuela's Emilio Hernandez in the third round of their WBC bantamweight title bout. Zarate scored a knockout at 2:10 of the fourth round.

With tickets going at $250, $150, and $50 . . . the house was sold out days before the fight. Caesars Palace then installed Closed-Circuit Television where 1,500 more fans viewed the fight for a $15 tariff.

(Home television was blacked-out in Nevada.)

The bout was televised by ABC throughout the United States and in several foreign countries. Ringside commentators were Howard Cosell, and the veteran New York referee Arthur Mercante.

In a second title bout of the card, the WBC bantamweight champion, Carlos Zarate of Mexico, made short work of Emilio Hernandez of Venezuela.

Scoring the fifty-first knockout of his career, Zarate KO'd Hernandez at 2:10 of the fourth round. The end came by way of a short left hook, followed by a brutal right cross. The blows drove Hernandez into the ropes and onto his knees.

Hernandez was unable to inflict any punishment on his stronger, more experienced opponent. His finest moments came at the end of the first round, when he managed a hard left to the body and a left-right to Zarate's head.

Hernandez hit the canvas in the second round . . . by way of a Zarate left hook. He was up, however, in seconds; and took a standing 8 count.

The third round was touch-and-go; as Hernandez managed an effective right to the champion's body. Zarate retaliated with aleft hook and a right-left uppercut combination that spelled the handwriting on the wall for Hernandez.

In the fourth round, Zarate stalked his opponent to a neutral corner, where he delivered a lethal left and right cross combination that felled Hernandez for the final count.

Just before the Zarate-Hernandez bout, authorities discovered some discrepancies in Hernandez' record. As a result, the bantamweight title fight was taped; and was not shown on ABC's live broadcast.

In a surprise upset, heavyweight contender Jimmy Young lost a ten-round split decision to unheralded Osvaldo "Jaws" Ocasio of Puerto Rico.

Young . . . sluggish and overweight at 220 . . . seemed to have left his fighting heart back home in Philadelphia.

The brilliant defensive strategy that scored victories over George Foreman, Ron Lyle, and others, was missing in Las Vegas.

Young looked especially sluggish in the first two rounds; and Ocasio scored effectively with left-right combinations to Jimmy's head.

Young warmed up in the third round—and managed to even the score between the third and seventh rounds.

Jimmy took command in the eighth round—scoring with various body combinations—as he ducked Ocasio's jabs; and countered with several effective body punches.

Jimmy continued his offensive with well-placed body punches in the ninth round; but Ocasio's hard right-left combination to the head halted the Young mementum.

In the tenth round, Young scored a hard combination to the head—and twin combinations to Ocasio's body. But the Puerto Rican countered with two fierce blows to his opponent's head.

Only Judge Dave Moretti gave Young the edge: 47-43. Judge Bill Kipp scored for Ocasio: 46-45; while Judge Lou Tabat's card read 46-44 in the Puerto Rican's favor.

The win brings Ocasio's undefeated record to 12-0; and puts the newcomer in line for bouts with top heavyweight contenders.

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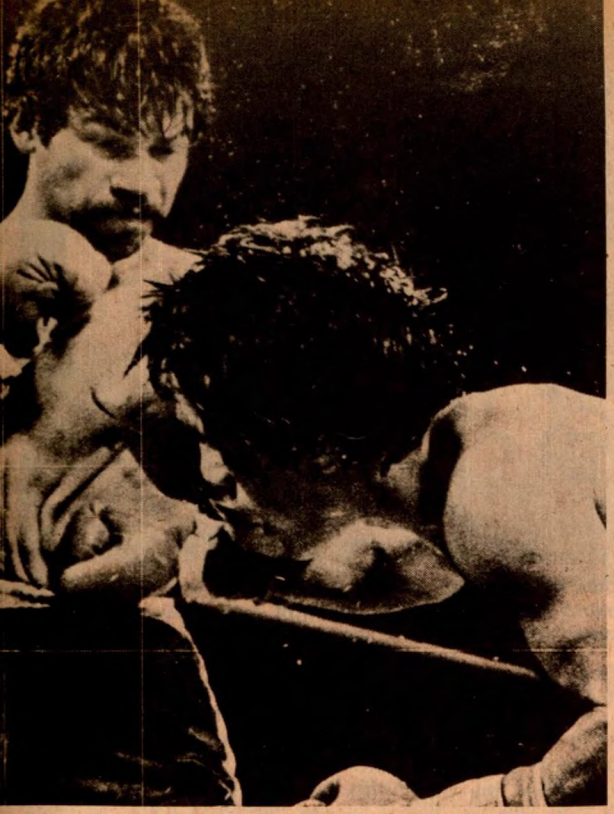
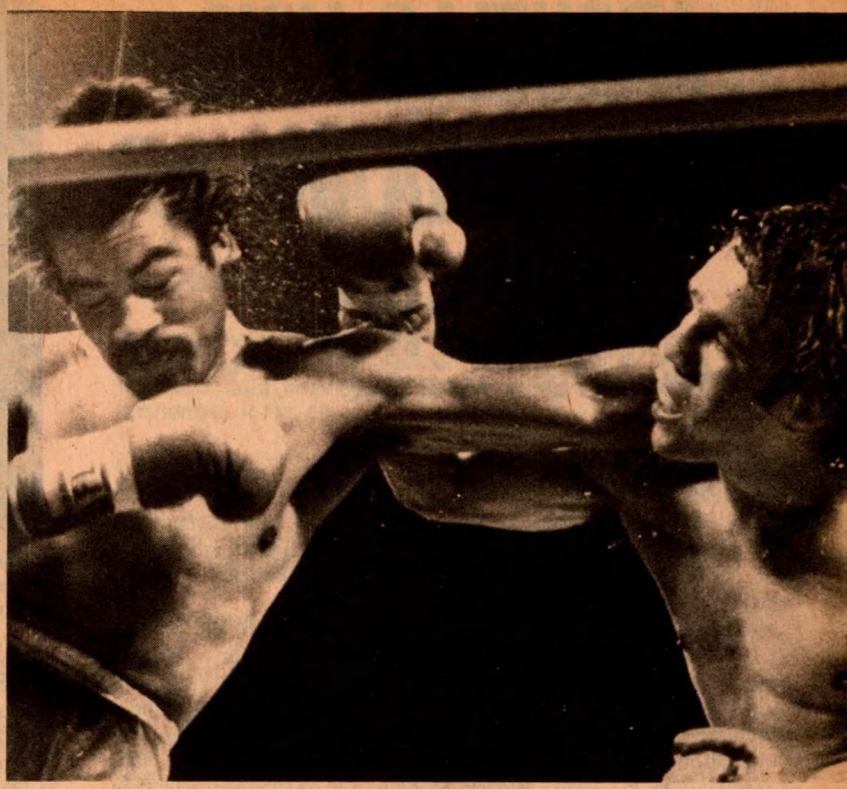


Armando Muniz lands a right to the body of world welterweight champion Carlos Palomino in the twelfth round of their title fight at the Olympic Auditorium in Los Angeles.



Mando lands a right to Palomino's head as Carlos misses with his own left. Palomino kept his crown with a unanimous decision.

PALOMINO OVER GAME MUNIZ

By DON FRASER

LOS ANGELES — Carlos Palomino, the former shoeshine boy, has become a master craftsman.

He is economical, patient, wise, durable, punishing and totally unflappable.

He was the most efficient performer on all of national television, picking apart Armando Muniz, across fifteen rounds at the Olympic Auditorium.

This was no easy match—they never are when Armando Muniz is in the other corner—but Palomino took command in the fifth round to win unanimously.

At age twenty-seven, King Carlos keeps getting better.

It was more convincing than Jan. 22, 1977, when the Cal. State Long Beach graduate began his string of seven successful title defenses by stopping the Cal. State Los Angeles graduate in the fifteenth.

Referee Rudy Ortega had it 148-141; judge Frank Rustich 148-139; and judge John Thomas, closer, 145-142. We gave Muniz the first four rounds, and Palomino the last 11 for 146-139.

In front of a live audience of 2,911 which paid $29,370, the champion did virtually everything except put his man down.

It developed that he operated without full power in his left hand for the last six rounds.

"It's broken," said Carlos, soaking the hand in a bucket of water and rubbing the ring finger. "The pain was unbearable after I hit him with a hook high off the head in the ninth round."

But this day most of the pain belonged to the gallant Muniz, who proudly wears a watch which the brother of Mexico removed from his wrist and gave to Mrs. Muniz at ringside three years ago in tribute to his courage in the second Jose Napoles fight.

Like the first time, Armando began swiftly, working his way inside behind right hand leads and outhustling Carlos the first twelve minutes.

"It's funny," said Palomino, traditionally a slow starter. "I felt strong in the dressing room before the fight but not that good the first couple of rounds."

However, he kept his cool, finally got off the ropes, and mounted his own attack in the fifth.

From there the 3 to 1 favorite was able to sharp shoot in mid-ring above gloves which kept lowering from battle fatigue.

After the tenth, the prime question was whether Muniz could last the distance.

In the eleventh, he resembled one of those bobbin' head dolls, his unprotected, puffy face being jolted up and down by right hands.

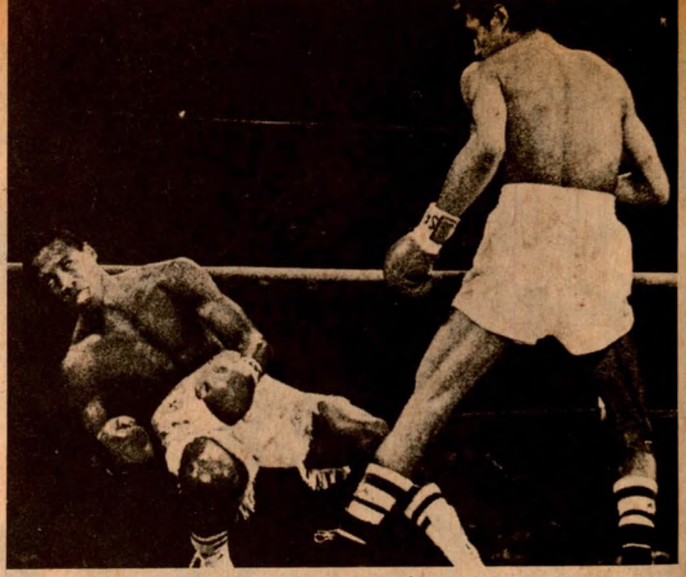
Late in the fourteenth, he was sent reeling across the ring in the closest thing to a knockdown all afternoon.

"I wanted to get him out of there by the tenth round," said Palomino, at 147, a pound heavier than Muniz. "That was my prediction. I usually don't say things like that but he mouthed off about me before the fight."

"You know, it's hard to score a knockout when you can't throw a hook, and don't forget that he's a tremendous competitor. You won't find another fighter quite like him."

ARGUELLO KO'S ALCALA IN THE FIRST

By MARIO RIVERA MARTINO



Diego Alcala collapses to the canvas from a flurry of blows from World Boxing Council junior lightweight champ Alexis Arguello. Alexis kayoed Alcala at 1:55 of the first round.

ROBERTO CLEMENTE STADIUM, SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO—"I can't remember an easier encounter, I didn't even work up a sweat." Such were the remarks of junior lightweight champion Alexis Arguello following his one round knockout victory over Panamanian Diego Alcala.

Nothing much happened in the first sixty seconds of the bout as the boys failed to toss a meaningful punch. In fact, for a while it looked as if Alcala would be around for quite awhile as he moved around with grace and skill. And, of course, outside of Arguello's immediate firing range. But he was reached by a one-two combination at the one minute mark when he attempted his first exchange with his rival. Within seconds the challenger was then maneuvered into Arguello's corner where a series of blows to the head, and a couple of uppercuts to the chin in between, dropped Alcala on his back and with his head just below the lower strand. Glassy eyed, he made an attempt at getting up but the lower strand seemed to be in his way. At least, that's what he had to say after the fight. But rope or no rope, they could have counted up to twenty and he would not have gotten up in time.

With a nasty gash just below his chin, Alcala was finally counted out when the time clock had reached 1:55, and, once again, Arguello proved that, pound-for-pound, he is the hardest thumping fighter in the game today. And now, is he finally ready for Roberto Duran? "No, not yet—maybe early next year," he said.

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SUGAR RAY LEONARD DECISIONS RODRIGUEZ

By ARTHUR REMBERT

Sugar Ray Leonard lands a left to the chin of Rafael Rodriguez in the fifth round of their ten-round welterweight bout at the Baltimore Civic Center. Leonard won by a unanimous decision.

FORMER Olympic Gold Medalist Sugar Ray Leonard upped his professional record to 11-0 with a relatively easy 10 round decision over veteran Rafael Rodriguez. Although Leonard is a flashy fighter who likes to cadillac (showboat) now and then, your writer doesn't feel that he showed the type of form that he will definitely need when he starts to take on the big boys in the welterweight division.

Rodriguez, who has nearly thirty fights under his belt, realized at the very beginning that he had no hope of matching Leonard's speed, so he was more than willing to mix it with his twenty-two-year-old rival. Leonard realized the same thing and was apparently satisfied with being able to hit Rafael at will with light combinations and dart back to the safety of the middle of the ring. Cornerman Angelo Dundee could be heard above the arena noise yelling for his charge to go in and do some punching because even though Ray was pitching a shutout, he was by no means impressive.

Why Leonard refused to mix it a bit more with Rodriguez really seems strange to your writer because Rafael has but seven knockouts in his nineteen victories, and has never been regarded as a puncher. Leonard's punching ability has been under close scrutiny since his Feb. 4th showing against Rocky Ramon, when Sugar Ray hit Ramon enough times for his nephew in Toledo to feel it but couldn't put Rocky away. Make no mistake, Ray Leonard could have used a knockout over Rafael.

When you realize that Rodriguez is not known as a thumper, combined with the fact that Leonard was winning the fight so easily,

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Parlov Edges Conteh For WBC Crown

By JACK A. TREE

Mate Parlov has his hand raised in victory by referee Rudy Ortega. Parlov outpointed John Conteh to retain his WBC light heavyweight title. Conteh, the defeated challenger, looks on.

BELGRADE, YUGOSLAVIA — Local Mate Parlov, 175, retained his WBC light heavyweight crown via a fifteen-round split nod over England's John Conteh, 173.

Parlov won the crown from Miguel Cuello, Argentina. This was his first defense. Conteh was stripped of the title by the WBC when he failed to defend against Cuello. Miguel then went on to win the vacant title with a kayo victory over Los Angeles' Jesse Burnett. Conteh, hurt with a bad right had over the last few years, has boxed only twice in the last twenty-four months.

The fight itself was an action affair, with Parlov starting strong, winning the first half of the bout with his hard-to-be-hit southpaw style. John tried to figure Mate out and was getting tagged while doing so. He was outjabbed, and walked into many hard socks to the head.

In the second half of the contest, John started to go to Mate's body, landing left hooks to the ribs under the right jab of the WBC titleholder.

Mate could not get his second wind as the bout came down to the last few rounds. Conteh was in command, scoring with left hooks and jabs.

Parlov was cut earlier in the bout by a butt. Referee Rudy Jordan took a point away from Conteh for butting later in the contest. Rudy then took another point away from John for holding and hitting.

The decision was as follows: Rudy Ortega called it 147-141, Conteh; judge Tony Perez had it 145-141, Parlov; judge Dick Young, 143-140, Parlov. If you gave Conteh back the two points referee Ortega took away, the scoring would have read: Ortega,

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(Left) WBC super bantam champion Wilfredo Gomez lands a left hook on Thai challenger Sakad Porntavee in their title fight in Korat, 160 miles north of Bangkok. (Right) Referee Ray Solis raises Gomez's arm after stopping the contest at 2:32 of the third round.

GOMEZ STOPS PORNTAVEE

By JOE Y. KOIZUMI

KORAT PROVINCE, THAILAND — It was a bad night for Thai people. The Main Stadium witnessed ten men killed and some three hundred spectators injured after poorly constructed bleachers suddenly collapsed.

After the tragedy, Thai hope Sakad Porntavee was quickly stopped by Puerto Rico's Wilfredo Gomez, WBC super bantamweight champion, in the third round before an estimated forty thousand fans.

The impressive triumph means unbeaten Wilfredo's fourth defense and the twenty-second knockout in twenty-three wins in as many outings.

The Mexican referee, who kept the solitary scorecard, Ray Solis, wisely declared a halt to save the battered Sakad from further punishment after the lopsided proceedings. The time was 2:32.

The opening session saw the 21-year-old Gomez commence the fireworks in that he landed plenty of left-right combinations at the Thai challenger's face. Sakad, twenty years of age and ambitious for this crack in only his third bout after his Muay Thai (kick-boxing) career, covered himself up to come back with a few left jabs late in the round.

The huge crowd was stunned to watch the only knockdown of the contest so early in

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WORLD RATINGS

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HEAVYWEIGHTS
(over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

LEON SPINKS* ..... St. Louis, Mo.
1—MUHAMMAD ALI† ..... Chicago, Ill.
2—LARRY HOLMES** ..... Easton Pa.
3—KEN NORTON ..... San Diego, Calif.
4—RON LYLE ..... Denver, Colo.
5—JIMMY YOUNG ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
6—ALFREDO EVANGELISTA ..... Spain
7—KALLIE KNOETZE ..... South Africa
8—GERRIE COETZEE ..... South Africa
9—DUANE BOBICK ..... Bowlus, Minn.
10—OZZIE OCASIO ..... Puerto Rico

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(not over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPOIN
TITLE VACANT

1—VICTOR GALINDEZ* ..... Argentina
2—MATE PARLOV** ..... Yugoslavia
3—JOHN CONTEH ..... England
4—ALVARO (YAQUI) LOPEZ† ..... Stockton, Calif.
5—MIKE ROSSMAN ..... Turnersville, N.J.
6—EDDIE GREGORY ..... Brooklyn, N.Y.
7—MATT FRANKLIN ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
8—MUSTAPHA WASSAJA ..... Uganda
9—BOBBY CASSIDY ..... Brentwood, L.I., N.Y.
10—VONZELL JOHNSON ..... Columbis, Ohio

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 160 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

HUGO CORRO ..... Argentina
1—MARVIN HAGLER† ..... Brockton, Mass.
2—RONNIE HARRIS ..... Akron, Ohio
3—MIKE COLBERT ..... Portland, Ore.
4—VITO ANTUOFERMO ..... Italy
5—BENNIE BRISCOE ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
6—MARCOS GERALDO ..... Mexico
7—DAVID LOVE ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
8—GRATIEN TONNA ..... France
9—TONY CHIAVERINI ..... Kansas City, Mo.
10—LOUCIF HAMANI ..... Algeria

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 154 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

EDDIE GAZO* ..... Nicaragua
1—AYUB KALULE ..... Uganda
2—ROCKY MATTIOLI** ..... Australia
3—MAURICE HOPE ..... England
4—FRANK WISSENBACH ..... Germany
5—EDGAR ROSS ..... Orlando, Fla.
6—MIGUEL ANGEL CASTELLINI ..... Argentina
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WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 147 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

CARLOS PALOMINO** ..... Mexico
1—JOSE CUEVAS* ..... Mexico
2—PETE RANZANY† ..... Sacramento, Calif.
3—RANDY SHIELDS ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
4—CLYDE GRAY ..... Canada
5—HAROLD WESTON ..... New York, N.Y.
6—FLOYD MAYWEATHER ..... Detroit, Mich.
7—ARMANDO MUNIZ ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
8—JOHNNY GANT ..... Washington, D.C.
9—ANDY PRICE ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
10—EDDIE MARCELLO ..... Trinidad, W.I.

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 140 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

WILFREDO BENITEZ ..... Puerto Rico
1—SAENSAK MUANGSURIN** ..... Thailand
2—ANTONIO CERVANTES* ..... Colombia
3—MIGUEL MONTILLA ..... Dominican Rep.
4—DAVID GREEN ..... England
5—BRUCE CURRY† ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
6—JIMMY HEAIR ..... Memphis, Tenn.
7—JOE KIMPUANI ..... Zaire
8—SAOUL MAMBY ..... New York, N.Y.
9—MONROE BROOKS ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
10—LAURIE AUSTIN (BABY CASSIUS) .. Australia

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 135 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

ROBERTO DURAN ..... Panama
1—ANDREW GANIGAN† ..... Honolulu, Hawaii
2—ESTEBAN DeJESUS ..... Puerto Rico
3—ALFREDO PITALUA ..... Colombia
4—EDWIN VIRUET ..... Puerto Rico
5—GIANCARLO USAI ..... Italy
6—TERMITE WATKINS ..... Houston, Texas
7—CLAUDE NOEL ..... Trinidad, W.I.
8—JIM WATT ..... Scotland
9—VILOMAR FERNANDEZ ..... Dominican Rep.
10—ANTONIO GUINALDO ..... Spain

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 130 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

SAMUEL SERRANO* ..... Puerto Rico
1—ALEXIS ARGUELLO** ..... Nicaragua
2—ALFREDO ESCALERA† ..... Puerto Rico
3—FRANKIE BALTZAR ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
4—RAFAEL LIMON ..... Mexico
5—WALTER SEELEY ..... Sayville, L.I., N.Y.
6—ARTURO LEON ..... Phoenix, Ariz.
7—WARREN MATTHEWS ..... New Orleans, La.
8—NATLIO VEZZOLI ..... Italy
9—JUAN MALVAREZ ..... Argentina
10—BOBBY CHACON ..... Los Angeles, Calif.

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 126 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1—DANNY LOPEZ**† ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
2—EUSEBIO PEDROZA* ..... Panama
3—RICHARD ROZELLE ..... Columbus, Ohio
4—SEAN O'GRADY ..... Oklahoma City, Okla.
5—RUBEN CASTILLO ..... Bakersfield, Calif.
6—CECILIO LASTRA ..... Spain
7—RICARDO CARDONE ..... Venezuela
8—HONG SOO-HWAN ..... South Korea
9—MIKE AYALA ..... San Antonio, Texas
10—HECTOR CARRASQUILLA ..... Panama

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(not over 118 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

JORGE LUJAN* ..... Panama
1—CARLOS ZARATE** ..... Mexico
2—WILFREDO GOMEZ† ..... Puerto Rico
3—ALFONSO ZAMORA ..... Mexico
4—FRANCO ZURLO ..... Italy
5—ROBERTO RUBALDINO ..... Mexico
6—LEO CRUZ ..... Dominican Rep.
7—LUPE PINTOR ..... Mexico
8—FRANK DUARTE ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
9—ALBERTO DAVILA ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
10—PAUL FERREIRA ..... Australia

FLYWEIGHTS
(not over 112 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

MIGUEL CANTO** ..... Merida, Mexico
1—GUTY ESPADAS* ..... Mexico
2—YOKO GUSHIKEN ..... Japan
3—AL SANDOVAL† ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
4—FRANCO UDELLA ..... Italy
5—FREDDY CASTILLO ..... Mexico
6—LUIS ESTABA ..... Venezuela
7—JOSE ORTIZ ..... Puerto Rico
8—CHARLIE MAGRI ..... England
9—BERNABE VILLACAMPO ..... Philippines
10—BETULIO GONZALEZ ..... Venezuela

LARRY HOLMES
FIGHTER OF THE MONTH

LARRY Holmes won the WBC heavyweight title with a decision over Ken Norton in Las Vegas, Nev., a Caesars Palace promotion.

Runner-ups for the month: Carlos Palomino, world welter king, win over Aramndo Muniz; Mate Parlov, retained his WBC light heavy title against England's John Conteh; WBC junior light champ Alexis Arguello's one round victory over Diego Alcala and Wilfredo Gomez's kayo over Thailand's Sakad Porntavee, WBC super bantamweight crown.

Homes' victory over Norton moves him into the number two spot in the heavyweight ratings. Norton drops to third. Young's upset at the hands of Ozzie Ocasio drops him from three to five. Ocasio, unranked, now is tenth. Ron Lyle's win over Horacio Robinson moves him from six to four. Evangelista's two wins over Ballard and Joiner, move him from eight to six. Inactive Knoetzee falls from five to seven. Gerri Goetzee's victory over Randy Stephens, moves him up to eight from ten. Inactive Shavers dropped to make room for Ocasio. Inactive Bobick is now nine, from seven.

Parlov's win over Conteh makes him two, while Conteh is now three. Gregory's two wins, Roy Elson and Ed Turner, move him up to six from seven. Matt Franklin dropping one spot, inactive. Wassaja's win over Burnett moves him from tenth to eighth. Cassidy and Johnson dropping one spot each dut to inactivity.

David Love's lost to Loucif Hamani drops him from four to seven. Hamani, unranked, is now ten. Antuofermo and Briscoe each up a spot due to Love's defeat. Marcos Geraldo's win over Macias moves him up to sixth from ninth. Chiaverini's win over Aidos Moves him from tenth to ninth. Inactive Alan Minter falls out of the top ten.

Edgar Ross's win over Mickey Banks moves him up to seven from five. Wissenbach's victory over Tyrone Phelps moves him from five to four. Backus, loser to Cuevas, falls from six to seven.

Clyde Gray's win over Ray Chavez moved him to four from five; Harold Weston's victory over Jose Palacios moves him up to

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PROSPECTS FOR THE MONTH

NAME HEAVYWEIGHT	PRO DEBUT	TOTAL BOUTS	WON	LOST	DRAWS	KO'S
Franco Thomas Anchorage, Alaska	9/77	8	8	0	0	6
HEAVYWEIGHT Dave Johnson Bowie, Md.	11/77	7	6	1	0	1
LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT Salvatore San Filippo Jersey City, N.J.	12/77	6	6	0	0	6
WELTERWEIGHT Dale Staley Hillcrest Hgts., Md.	12/77	7	7	0	0	6

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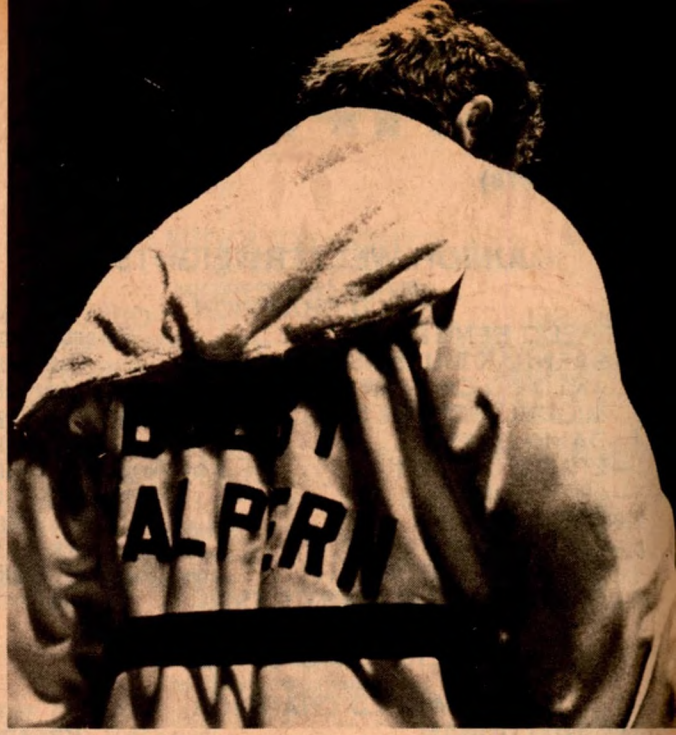
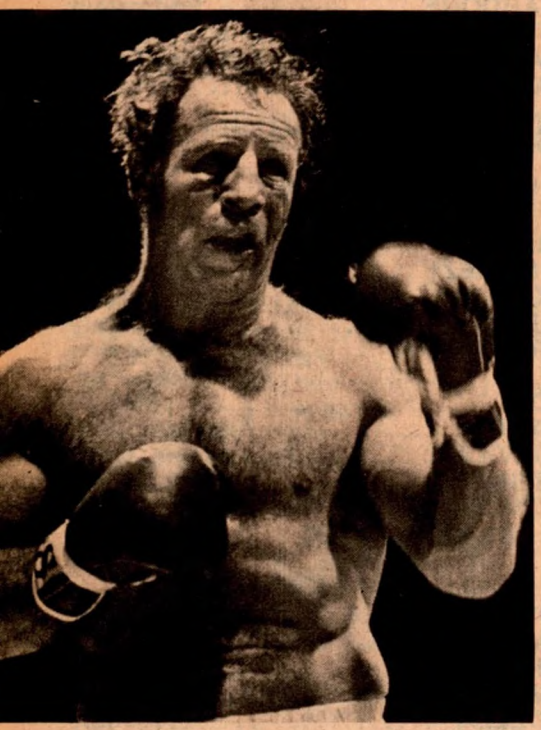
BOBBY HALPERN: THE "IMPOSSIBLE DREAM" IS ENDED



Halpern waits for the beginning of a fight. (Photographs by Steven C. Losch)



(Above) The face is forty-four years old as Halpern sets against Guy (Rocky) Casale. (Below) The beaten fighter in his corner.

By STEVEN C. LOSCH

THE state penitentiary at Dannemora, December 4th, 1961. . . Inmate Robert Halpern is listening to a radio broadcast of the Floyd Patterson-Tom McNeeley heavyweight title fight. When the Canadian challenger is introduced, a chill runs down Halpern's spine. He rememberes an earlier McNeeley bout that was fought in the old Madison Square Garden on December 19th, 1958. McNeeley had the advantage in weight, reach and experience that night, but he was cut over both eyes and just did manage to escape with the four round decision. His opponent was the same Bobby Halpern; a converted street fighter from the Bronx who spent more time in saloons then he did in the gym. Years later McNeeley, would remember the Jewish heavyweight as his roughest, if not his most skillful, opponent. Halpern's strong performance earned him a six-round date in St. Nicholas Arena with Eddie Vick, who later went the distance with Bob Foster. On the scheduled night of that fight, Bobby Halpern was in police custody.

Patterson and McNeeley have long since retired. The old Garden and St. Nick's were kayoed by the wrecker's iron ball. And Bobby Halpern was paroled after serving seventeen years for a crime he insists he didn't commit. He emerged from prison at the age of forty-one, in superb physical condition, determined to earn a living at the only legitimate trade he knew—professional boxing. His former trainer and current manager, Charlie Caserta, helped him obtain a license to box in New York. Few people took him seriously.

Halpern ran up a string of convincing wins over local ham and eggers that included seven knockouts. His best win was a six-round decision over Dave Conteh, who recently stopped Bunny Johnson on a cut. Segments of his two brutal, blood-splattered brawls with Johnny Kane of New Jersey were aired on network television. Bobby Halpern, with his crowd pleasing, slugging style, became the biggest drawing card on the New York club fight scene.

And so an impossible dream was born. It would begin with an eight round bout against Guy "Rocky" Casale, a 1976 New York Golden Gloves finalist with a professional record of 8-1-1. After Casale would come the Wepners, the Kirkmans and the Quarrys, and possibly a nationally televised fight for big money with a ranked opponent. The script was given a boost when last minute program changes pushed Casale-Halpern up to the main event. The press cooperated by providing unprecedented pre-fight publicity.

For two rounds, the forty-four year old Bobby Halpern kept his dream alive with murderous body shots and jolting uppercuts. The crowd was on its feet chanting his name. They didn't know that he had re-injured his fractured left hand. In round two, Casale scored with a portentous left hook that staggered Halpern, but it was the twenty-two year old kid whose face looked as if it had been hit with an ax.

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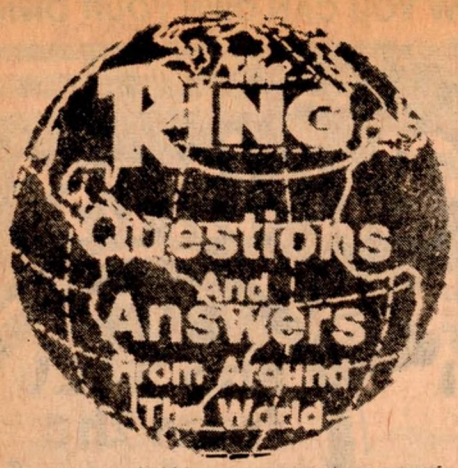

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HAS A GAL TIGER

Q. I am in need of information regarding female boxers. I have a young woman (nineteen years) who wants to fight professionally. She is training and developing very well. But I have no idea how to arrange fights for her. What are the state requirements in New York for the licensing of female boxers? Where can I obtain information about the states which do sanction such contests? I would appreciate any information or suggestion you can offer.

Melvin Smith
Capitol Hgts., Md.

A. New York recently legalized Women in Boxing, as you probably know, granting a license to lightweight Cathy Davis. I would suggest for further info on Women's boxing you contact Women's Boxing Federation, 94 Crescent Ave., New Rochelle, N.Y. Al Gallello is chairman of the organization which publishes WBF ratings. The Women's World Boxing Association, Incline Village, NV 89450, also publishes ratings. Ted Walker is chairman of the W.W.B.A. Ken Bradley, manager of Zebra Girl (Shirley) Tucker, can be reached at the Redwood Empire Fighters, P.O. Box 118, Santa Rosa, CA 95405. Also, there is the International Women's Boxing Association with headquarters at 916 Delaware St., S.E. #2, Minneapolis, Minn. 55414. Good luck.

WHO'S ON FIRST?

Q. A group of friends in Victoria, British Columbia, Canada, is anxious to get an answer to the following question. On Feb. 4, 1978, at 5:30 on a "Sportspectacular" program, lightweight Howard Davis was fighting against Jose Fernandez. The same day, Feb. 4, at 7:30, we could watch on "Wide World of Sports" welterweight Sugar Ray Leonard fighting against Rocky Ramon. Some of us think that despite the weight and name difference, the lightweight Howard Davis and welterweight Sugar Ray Leonard is the same person. Others say that the two are different athletes. Please give us the answer.

Joseph Petach
Victori, B.C., Canada

A. The reception must have been bad on TV that night. Davis and Leonard, both Gold Medal winners in the Montreal Olympics, are definitely different fighters. Howard Davis is a lightweight out of Glen Cove, N.Y. and Leonard is a welterweight out of Palmer Park, Md. Both are undefeated in the pro ranks. Davis has won seven straight and Leonard's unbeaten streak is now 11.

Q. In last month's Ring Magazine, I read that George Foreman was coming back to the ring. I read it in Sailor Don Sauer's column, Ringside. Is this true? I have heard conflicting reports on his return. Please answer.

Don Jenkins
Kennet, Mo.

A. Official reports say that Foreman is in training for his return to the ring.

Q. I consider *The Ring* the world's vored if the two 175-pound contemporaries, i.e., Tommy Loughran and the late Maxie Rosenbloom, had faced each other on their respective best nights? I would appreciate an answer.

Dr. J.S. Falletta
Hamilton, Ontario, Canada

A. The selection would have to be Tommy Loughran.

Q. Whatever happened to Hogan (Kid) Bassey, the former world featherweight champion?

J. McMorrow
Hicksville, N.Y.

A. Hogan (Kid) Bassey is back in the ring again—as trainer in the World Amateur Boxing Championships in Yugolsavia. Bassey, who won the title in 1957 and lost only eight of 88 pro fights, will be forty-six this month and is chief trainer for all boxers in his native Nigeria. He did not compile a great deal of money, despite his ring popularity. "Taxes, taxes, of course," is his explanation.

Q. I have two questions. 1. I read in a book that Sonny Liston was 29 years old when he first fought Muhammad Ali. A person in Punchlines said he was 38. Would you please clear this up? 2. I would like to know who the Ring ranks as the top five heavyweights of all time.

A. The records have Liston born in St. Francis County, near Forest City, Ark. on May 8, 1932. That would make him thirty-one in his first fight with Ali on February 25, 1964 and thirty-eight years upon his death in 1970. The Ring rankings of the five all-time greats in the heavyweight division is as follows: 1-Joe Louis, 2-Jack Dempsey, 3-Muhammad Ali, 4-Jim Jeffries, 5-Jack Johnson.

Q. Could you please give me some information on the Jersey Joe Walcott-Rocky Marciano fight?

Rod Lodzinski
Gretna, Nebraska

A. The first Marciano-Walcott fight for the heavyweight championship was held in Municipal Stadium, Philadelphia, on Sept. 23, 1952. Marciano won by a KO in thirteen rounds. The official attendance was 40,379 and the offical gross receipts were $504,645. Their second fight, also for the heavyweight title, was held in the Chicago Stadium on May 15, 1953. Marciano won this one with a first round KO. The paid attendance was 13,266. Marciano's share was $168,038, including radio and TV revenues.

Q. I consider *The Ring* the world's foremost authority on boxing. For several years I have seen tables of heavyweight champions listing Willard as the tallest, Carnera as the heaviest, and Burns as the shortest. Recently I read where Carnera was the tallest which inspired this letter. Please clear this up for me.

Bruce Wilferth
Rochester, N.Y.

A. Ask ten people and you will get ten answers on this one. We list Willard as 6 feet 6¼ and Carnera as 6 feet, 5¾ inches. As far as we know, these figures are valid.

Q. Did Paddy DeMarco of Brooklyn ever hold the lightweight title? If so, whom did he win it from and who did he lose it to?

James Wells,
Syosset, N.Y.

A. On March 5, 1954, DeMarco won the lightweight championship of the world by decisioning Jimmy Carter in New York in fifteen rounds. In Nov. of the same year, Carter regained the title from DeMarco with a fifteenth round kayo in San Francisco.

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AGREES ON JEFFRIES

I agree with the veteran and ringwise Sam Taub that James J. Jeffries was the greatest heavyweight champion of-all time since the adoption of the Marquis of Queensberry rules.

When one picks a man as the greatest heavyweight champion since the reign of John L. Sullivan, one is always asked the question: "But who did he ever defeat that was truly great?" The answer in Jeffries case is he beat some of the greatest heavyweights that ever lived. Jeffries beat James J. Corbett, Ruby Bob Fitzimmons, Peter Jackson and Tom Sharkey, among others. And he fought and defeated each of them twice except Jackson. That speaks for itself.

Jack M. Freeman,
Forest City, No. Carolina

DEFENSE OF SPINKS

I am writing to express my feelings about what Mr. Jose Suiliman did to Leon Spinks. First of all, I think Leon should fight whomever he wants to fight. After all, he is the champ and had to fight like hell to get it. Also, the rules are the champ has to fight No. 1 contender within one year, not 90 days; even so putting all that aside if what Mr. S did is acceptable. Then why should any of the other No. 1 contenders have to fight for the title? All they should have to do is try to force the champ to fight them when they want. And if he refuses, all he would have to do is cry to Mr. Suiliman and he would be champ. I would appreciate having my letter published in your fair magazine that gives both sides to any issue.

Art P. Calas

ADVICE TO SPINKS

Leon Spinks, Gold Medal Winner, a man with seven professional fights, got a chance to fight Muhammad Ali for the World heavyweight championship and won. All the controversy now revolving around Leon Spinks. When did it all begin? First of all, was Leon Spinks being pushed too hard in the beginning seven pro fights and suddenly he found himself in the ring with "The Greatest," Muhammad Ali and became the new world heavyweight champion. O.K. Next contender in line was Ken Norton—Leon did not care to fight him—he wanted another shot at Ali, so the World Boxing Coucil stripped Spinks of his title and gave it to Ken Norton. As things developed, Leon has twice been caught driving without a license and has been in this and that. How much pressure can a man take before he breaks? And if Spinks keeps up with all this publicity, will he be fighting Ali in New Orleans on Sept. 15, 1978? Leon, get yourself together and stay together. This game can make you or break you.

Darlene Taylor,
Homestead, Pa.

PLEA FOR "TAP CITY" HARRIS

In the January '78 edition of Ring Magazine there was a feature story on "Tap City" Harris. The writer stated his trainer Joe Zoldak was a protege of the late Jimmy Doyle, welterweight champion of the world. He was the Number One contender, beating Tommy Bell, Ray Zanelli Kaplan, Joe Rindone and many others of that era. But in a title match with Ray Robinson, Doyle was killed. How about a feature article on him. Jack Johnson taught him how to catch punches. He taught Zoldak, who, in turn, taught Tap City, who incidently, still languishes in the Marion Correctional Institute which is a greater crime than the one he committed. I noticed how Ali and various Hollywood personalities jumped on the Reuben "Hurricane" Carter bandwagon. Carter has had his day. Here is a young man (Harris) they should support. With the middleweight division in the sorry state that it's in, there's no doubt he would be champion. I'm an avid reader of your magazine and it is the greatest.

Rafael Fontanez,
New York, N.Y.

ONE FAN'S OPINION

There are some things I would say about boxing. Being a fan of someone is okay. But lets be realistic. What do you buy for nostalgia? What are facts? In almost every sport, people admit that present champions are the best.

P.E. the great Jesse Owens would not even enter the finals nowadays in the Olympics; T-Ford was a very good car, but why don't we see it on the streets anymore? Because. . . . . .

So you see!

Food, training, equipment, medical help, technique, know-how, everything, improved.

Jack Dempsey and others were magnificant fighters in their times when boxing rules were different, of course. Computer boxing is fine but not realistic. What you put in will come out because a computer is a machine and a machine isn't creative. It doesn't do anything on its own. For a great deal, a fighter is as good as his opponent permits him to be.

Even a well-reputed opponent, even a champion, can be "over the hill," out of shape, or not seriously trained.

It's nice to guess and gamble about who would be the best boxer in history, but it's no use to discuss it, especially in such a quality magazine such as *Ring*. No one will ever find it out. Those champions never met in their respective primes.

People, let's stop talking like little—my daddy's stronger than yours—children!

Herman Debrot,
Amsterdam, Holland

BOOST FOR LANGFORD

Having just read the April 1978 issue of *The Ring*, I feel I must make a strong protest to you for excluding the phenomenal Black-Canadian pugilist, Sam Langford, from your list of the top Black fighters of all time.

You included Joe Gans. On December 8th, 1903, Sam Langford decisioned the great Joe Gans. Although he tried to get a rematch with Gans, with the title on the line, Langford was refused.

Langford never had a world title because no one was willing to risk his against the young powerhouse. Tommy Burns is often maligned, but at least he had the guts to risk his title against Jack Johnson. Johnson later proved unwilling to do the same with Langford. The only men that Sam didn't beat were the ones who declined to enter the ring with him in his prime.

Lawrence Roberts
Laval, Quebec Canada

By HERBERT G. GOLDMAN

CONTENDERS:

HEAVYWEIGHTS, PART IV

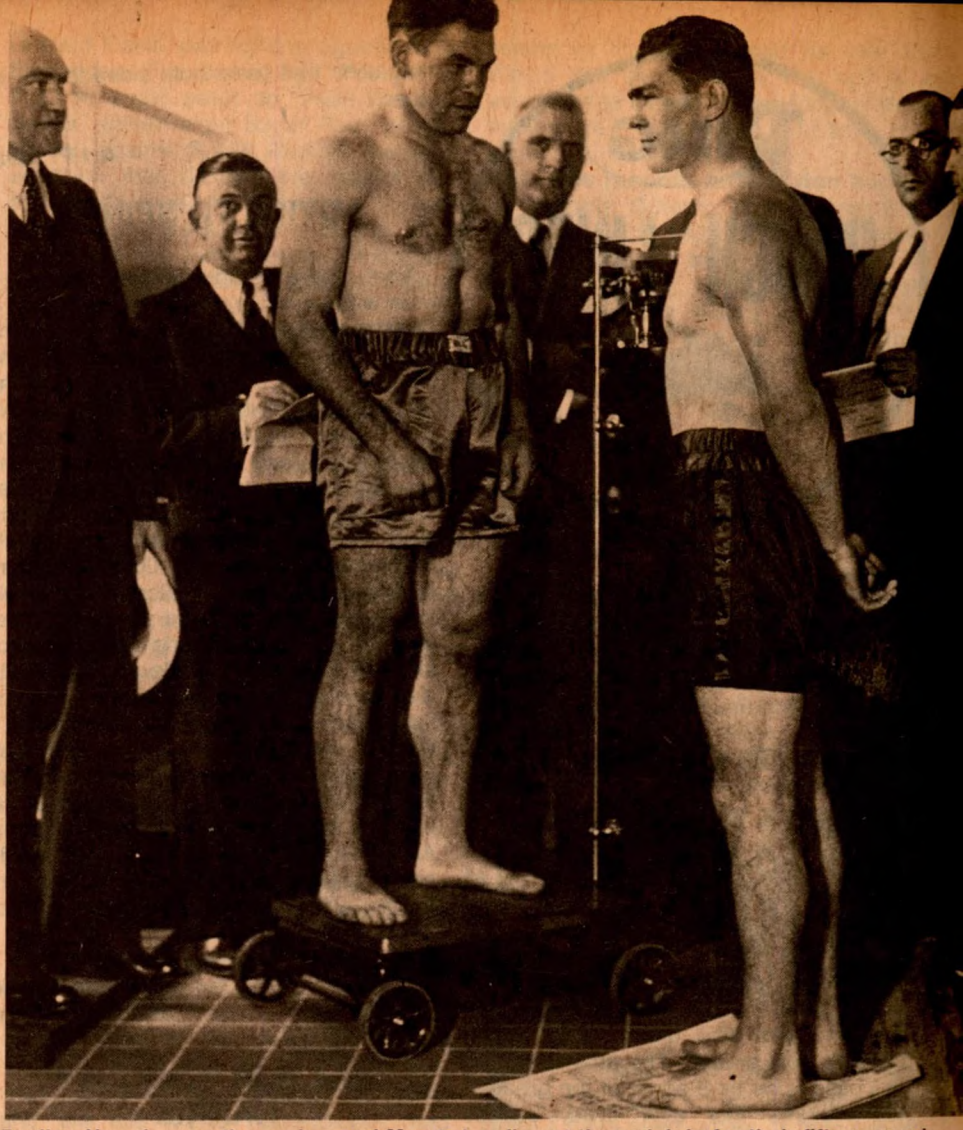
TWO men arrived in the United States from Europe in the year 1928, both of whom would have great effect on the history of the heavyweight division. One was Maxmillian Adolph Otto Siegfried Schmeling, twenty-three-year-old heavyweight champion of Germany. His arrival in the U.S.A. was not well noted, though, as Schmeling was unknown outside of Europe.

Of greater note was the return of Paulino Uzcudun aboard the *Ile de France*, September 4. The Basque heavyweight had first arrived in New York in 1926, where he had established himself with wins over Knute Hansen, Tom Heeney, and Harry Wills, the latter an impressive four-round knockout, writing *finis* to the Wills career. From New York, Uzcudun had gone out west and dropped a ten-round bout to big George Godfrey in Los Angeles. Then he had gone back to Spain and received a hero's welcome in Barcelona.

Upon arriving back in the United States, Paulino said that he had earned 200,000 pesetas in bouts overseas and that he expected to engage in whatever elimination contests were contemplated to decide Gene Tunney's successor as heavyweight champion of the world. He also said that he was a free agent, not tied down to any promoter.

Promoters, however, were the key to title recognition. Tunney's retirement had thrown the division into turmoil. There were no two logical contenders to fight for the vacant title. On August 1, the day after Tunney had announced his retirement, Tex Rickard's major rival, Humbert Fuganzy, announced a bout between Johnny Risko and Italian heavyweight Roberto Roberti would take place in Ebbets Field, Brooklyn, on August 16.

That bout all but eliminated Risko from consideration as a serious pretender to the title throne. In the sixth round, Roberti hit Risko low. The commission doctor allowed Johnny twenty-five minutes to return, but Risko's manager, Danny Dunn, refused to let the former baker boy continue. Roberti was declared the winner—on a foul! The Fuganzy series, though, went nowhere. It was clearly up to Rickard and the Garden to determine the next champion.

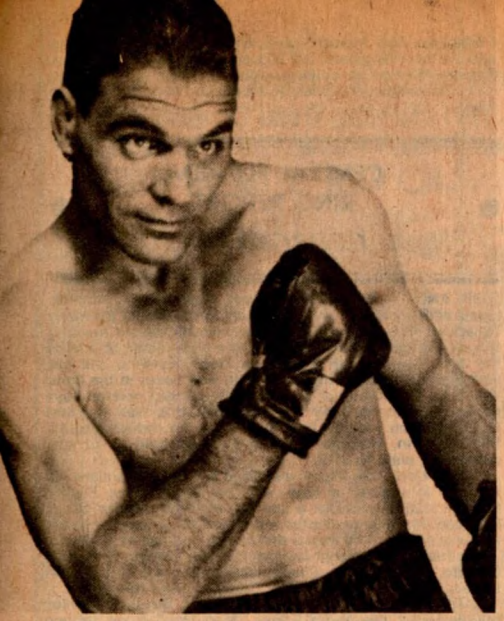


Paulino Uzcudun, on the scales, and Max Schmeling at the weigh-in for their fifteen-round heavyweight elimination bout at Yankee Stadium in 1929. Paulino weighed 192½; Schmeling came in at 187.

Every prominent contender and his manager was claiming to be champion. Young Stribling's manager, his father, "Pa" Stribling, claimed the title for him on the basis of two ten-round victories over Australian heavyweight champion George Cook, who had administered a fifteen-round defeat to Heeney in England in 1925. Other fighters seeking title recognition were Tom Heeney, Sharkey, Knute Hansen, and Harold Mays, who lost an unpopular decision to Ernie Schaff in Boston less than twelve hours after Tunney had announced his retirement. Even Luis Firpo talked about returning to the ring.

The belief was also strong that Dempsey would emerge from his retirement and, with any luck, clean up the field and emerge the champion again.

On Friday, September 7, Stribling and his father signed a contract with Tex Rickard giving the Madison Square Garden Corporation exclusive rights to Stribling's services in New York State. The contract was to run for one year and gave Rickard option on the Georgia boxer for at least three



"Italian Giant" Roberto Roberti was declared the winner over Johnny Risko in their fight at Ebbets Field. This was the first bout in a projected "elimination series" promoted by Humbert Fuganzy to determine a successor to Gene Tunney's title.

Phil Scott of England claimed the world title in 1929. His backers challenged Sharkey to fight him in Miami. The Boston Gob accepted, and the "Horizontal Heavyweight" went out in three.

Meyer (K.O.) Christner lost to Sharkey in the Garden, January 25, 1929.

fights. Then, on November 23, Rickard signed Jack Sharkey to a contract for three fights.

Tex Rickard left for Miami four weeks later, where he had arranged a ten-round fight between Sharkey and Stribling. On January 6, while in Miami, Rickard died, aged fifty-eight, of gangrenous appendicitis. Seven weeks later, Sharkey beat Young Stribling by decision.

On March 10, 1929, Garden matchmaker Tom McArdle held a press conference at which he announced the heavyweight field had been narrowed to three in the race for a successor to the Tunney throne. Those three men were Sharkey, Schmeling, and Paulino Uzcudun.

Max Schmeling had made rapid progress since arriving in the U.S. less than one year earlier. His stunning knockout of Johnny Risko had shot Schmeling to the heights of boxing recognition. The German champ sent Risko to the canvas again and again, in a fight that showed the Cleveland fighter at his gamest, and Max Schmeling at his best.

McArdle planned to match Paulino and der Max in a fifteen-round fight in Yankee Stadium on June 27, and to pit the winner against Sharkey for the title. Uzcudun had strengthened his position as a prime contender with decisions over Otto von Porat and Meyer (K.O.) Christner since his return to the United States.

The Schmeling-Uzcudun fight was held in Yankee Stadium, June 27, 1929, with Schmeling clearly winning a unanimous decision. Things semmed set for Schmeling to meet Sharkey for the title that September, but what kept the title vacant for another nine months was a series of contract claims involving Schmeling's former manager, Arthur von Bulow.

The Garden, however, had determined to put on a major outdoor heavyweight fight in New York in September. Accordingly, they matched Jack Sharkey with world light heavyweight champ Tommy Loughran in a fifteen-round bout for the American heavyweight title, in Yankee Stadium, September 26, 1929.

The erratic Sharkey came through in this fight, one of his greatest. A terrific right to Tommy's temple dropped the Philly boxer for the full count twenty-seven seconds into the third round.

In October, England's Phil Scott claimed the heavyweight title on the basis of his victories over Tom Heeney, Risko, and other "prominent contenders." His claim was taken seriously enough for backers to make a $250,000 offer to Sharkey for an open-air fight for the title in Miami. The offer was accepted and the fighters met on February 28, 1930. Sharkey knocked out Scott in the third and claimed the title.

Schmeling, however, would be heard from. On May 4, 1930, he returned to the United States from Germany, free to engage Sharkey in a bout for the heavyweight championship of the world. The fight was held in Yankee Stadium, June 12, 1930, and the German was adjudged the winner on a foul in round four.

Motion pictures, it was said, revealed that a foul had been struck, but the ending of the contest was so much in dispute, and was so unsatisfactory, that the New York State Boxing Commission did not recognize the Uhlan as the champ until June 19. The N.B.A. soon followed suit and boxing had a champion again.

An interesting sidelight was provided by the Pennsylvania State Athletic Commission, which announced that it would not recognize the Sharkey-Schmeling fight as for the title. The commission said that it believed that big George Godfrey deserved a chance, this despite his loss to Johnny Risko. They may, indeed, have had a point.

Jack Sharkey and Max Schmeling are still living, but Paulino Uzcudun has been "missing" for more than forty years. He was reported killed in heavy fighting between Spanish loyalists and rebels on August 11, 1936, at San Sebastian, Spain, less than one year after his last fight, a four-round kayo loss to young Joe Louis.

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BOXING IN CHICAGO

By JIM BRADY

Lethal-punching Lamonte Lovelady, 161, Desmoines, Iowa, flattened state middleweight champ Al "Firebrand" Clay, 157½, Chicago, in seven rounds to notch his first win on the comeback trail.

The bout was close for four rounds, with Clay boxing cautiously and keeping the shorter Lovelady at bay with his stinging left jab.

But eventually, Lovelady caught up with his fast-stepping rival. A thudding left hook in round seven sent Clay slithering to the canvas.

Clay got up at eight, muttered something to referee Stanley Berg, and Berg halted the contest.

The outcome was a surprise to the sparse crowd at the Aragon Ballroom. It appeared Clay was losing . . . but nobody expected him to get stopped.

After being inactive for 2½ years, Lovelady was admittedly "ring-rusty." But his class definitely showed.

Robert Echols, 206½, Chicago, poleaxed Max "Bear" Smith, 224, Chicago, in two. A brutal left-right turned the trick.

Warren Thunder, 153, Chicago, stopped oft-beaten Bobby Crawford, 150, Chicago in the third. Thunder, a recovered polio victim, is the personification of courage.

Pro-debuting Eddie Straight, 158, Rockford, Ill., outboxed veteran Joe Armour, 160, Chicago in six.

In the curtain-raiser, Willie "Sugarbear" Williams, 232, Chicago, floored Derrick Harrison, 245, Memphis, Tenn., four times enroute to a two-round knockout victory.

▲Boxing's "Italian Stallion," Tony Chiaverini, 158, Kansas City, Mo., battered game Al "Tiger" Bell, Chicago, 161½, into defeat at 1:08 of the third round.

Making his first start since his disastrous knockout loss to Bennie Briscoe, Chiaverini coasted until Bell began land—with some stinging rights.

Thereafter, Chiaverini fired salvos of right-left combinations that ripped thru Bell's defenses and left him slumped on the canvas. Bell struggled to get up, but his cornerman, "kid" Carson, wisely stopped the fight.

In th sem-final, Henry "Quick-money" Lumpkin, 208, Chicago, stopped one Jimmy Phillips, 228, Memphis, Tenn., in the sixth.

Lumpkin making his upteenth comeback, boxed well. After making an outstanding effort, his opponent finally collapsed late in the final round from fatigue and a left-right combo.

Lanky Calvin Cross, 244, Chicago, handed Elkanna "Boom-Boom" Moorer, 209, Cleveland, Ohio, a one-sided beating for six rounds before the referee intervened.

Warren Thunder, 148, Chicago, knocked out Billy Marino, 146, Chicago, in the first.

Floyd Pearson, 143, Blue Island, Ill., flattened veteran Simmie Black, 145, Memphis, Tenn., in the first.

Promoter Ernie Terrell was disillusioned by the small turnout . . . but remains convinced that boxing will come back in the Windy City.

BOXING IN DETROIT

By ALLEN ROSENFELD

It was probably Detroit's most important fight in years. And, for the city's boxing renaissance, the result could not have been better.

Home town hereo Tommy Hearn stopped "Skinny" Jimmy Rothwell, the Pennsylvania welterweight champion at 1:49 of the first round. The fight took place in the historic ring at Olympia Stadium.

Hern, onceone of the nation's greatest amateurs, extended his pro record to 9-0. He weighed 147 lbs., Rothwell 145½. Tommy was in absolute control from the start, making excellent use of his height advantage. And his fast start probably surprised Jimmy. The Philadelphian did not know what hit him.

The crowd numbered 2,861, the largest in the current Olympia series. An excellent undercard helped create the good turnout.

Another Philadelphian fared better. Curtis Parker, a 1977 National Golden Gloves champion stopped Sammy Long of Akron at 1:16 of the second round. Parker's hooking attack to the body looked awesome.

Mickey Goodwin remains undefeated, and undoubtedly will continue to be a big favorite in Detroit rings. But the heavy hitting former Michigan amateur champion turned in a disappointing performance in the co-main event.

The young Irish fighter, weighting 164½ lbs., got some much needed experience as he edged clever Sammy Floyd of Louisville.

Alvin "Blue" Lewis briefly interrupted his retirement to help out promotor Ron Moore. The one-time heavyweight contender engaged in a spirited exhibition with Mahoud Fadel, when the powerful young Lebanese fighter's opponent failed to appear. The crowd loved seeing "Blue" again.

Miguel Hernando is no longer undefeated. The Puerto Rican's punching power had made him a favorite at the Olympia. Larry McCall shocked the crowd when he stopped Hernando at 1:48 of the eighth and final round.

It was no fluke. McCall looked good throughout the welterweight bout.

In another meeting of welters, Santiago Valdez TKO'd previously undefeated Danny Paul of Detroit, at 2:51 of the third.

Now a Detroiter, Nova Spinks, Leon's wife, attended the Olympia card.

▲The International Veteran Boxers Association, Ring 32, held its twelfth annual banquet in Detroit. The popular event drew a large turnout to the newly refurbished Radisson Cadillac Hotel. Until recently known as the Sheraton Cadillac, the Radisson is still beautiful and elegant.

Chuck Davey, the state boxing commissioner, was the principal speaker. Among the award winners were Michigan amateur stars Monte Oswald and Nathaniel Akbar, and beloved oldtimer Andy Brown.

CAPITAL ACTION

By ED SCULLEN

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Future Parade of Champions competition was concluded at the D.C. Armory before a crowd of 4,276. Championships were awarded in four classes—lightweight, welterweight, middleweight and heavyweight—the payoff to the winner was $500 against $300 for the loser. Large trophies emblamatic of D.C. Area supremacy were presented to the winners amidst hoopla provided by promoter Nat Williams and the curvaceous young ladies representing the sponsoring Schlitz corporation.

Generally speaking, the competition was a success and the latest word is that the Future Parade of Champions will return next year. This was the seventh card held in the District over a five-month period—attendances have averaged close to the 4,000 mark—and everyone. . .promoters, boxers and public appear happy.

In the feature bout of the evening, middleweight O'Dell Leonard of Palmer Park started off in his usual slam-bang style against some-time spar mate, Keith Broom, but suffered a cut on his left eyelid which gradually worsened. In round two, Leonard ripped into his taller foe with a powerhouse right to the head, but could not wobble Broom. As the seconds ticked away, Broom got his left jab working and began banging to the body. Leonard was not troubled by this, but copious quantities of blood began to pour from his eye, smearing both fighters. Commission Doctor Andrew Fisher examined the eye between rounds and a halt was called; the result goes into the record book as a third-round TKO for Broom. Leonard is now 12-2, Broom 10-0.

In an earlier welterweight bout, C. J. Faison, 148, Washington decisioned Richard Jackson over six round. Faison, a six-year pro, dropped Jackson in the fourth with a right-left-right combo, but let his man off the hook and carefully paced himself the rest of the way. A smart fight for Faison, 31, who is now 7-6.

Craig Stevens, 135, Washington pounded out a split decision over Otis Hooper, 134 ½, Bowie. Craig had a fancy dan shuffle and fast hands against ten-year karate man Hooper, who depended on an orthodox jab and straight-ahead movements. Yet by the end of round three, the fight appeared to be slightly favoring Hooper who knocked Hooper down in round two while the twenty-two-year-old bounced around with his hands down. A strong finish by Stevens in the final three rounds guaranteed the win.

In an interesting heavyweight encounter, Dave "Big Foot" Johnson; 246, chased down gun-shy George Williams, 197, over six fast-paced rounds. Johnson landed the vast majority of punches on jabs and body shots, while Williams landed an occasional strong over hand right to the head. Johnson is now 10-2.

In the preliminaries: Welterweight Warren Fortune, Palmer Park stopped Nathan Slye, District at 2:16 of round two. Wilber Crews, 159½, District decisioned Darlton Swift, 156, District over six rounds. Donald Wilson, 174½, District stopped Bob Papich, 200, College Park at 2:39 of round one. Quinnie Locklear, 198, Baltimore, stopped Darrell Miles, 179½, District at :59 of round one.

Notes. . .highly-ranked Kansas City Jr. middle Tony Chiaverini recently passed through town and worked out at Hillcrest Heights Boys Club. Southpaw Tony indicated a title match with Eddie Gazo is in the works for his hometown. Meanwhile, on Capitol Hill, Representative Ed Beard of Rhode Island is gathering material to introduce a bill guaranteeing Federal Control of Boxing. Such moves have been tried several times over the past decade, but Beard, an ex-boxer, has the interest and reportedly the political clout to push such a long-overdue measure through. . .more developments will follow.

THE HAWAIIAN ISLANDS

By TED YAMACHIKA

HONOLULU—Andrew Ganigan, 135, Honolulu, did his usual thing by chilling Carlos Becerril, 134, Mexico City, in less than two rounds at the Blaisdell Memorial Center arena. The North American Federation lightweight crown was at stake, but it didn't look like a title match.

The punch or punches that did in Becerril was a left to the stomach followed by a right to the jaw. The Mexican fighter stirred a bit after going down but didn't get up. His manager, Harry Kabakoff, claimed later that his fighter could have gotten up but didn't. It was, however, the consensus that Ganigan's gut punch was a good solid one.

The early ending was not entirely pleasing to the 7,200 fans who saw the action. The gross gate was in the vicinity of $64,000.

In the supporting tenner, Noel Arriesgado, 121½, Philippines. beat the favored Jose Caba, 123, Santa Domingo. Caba abandoned his "kamikaze" tactics and was outboxed. A close decision.

Dave Meadows, 158½, Honolulu, defeated Vai Afa, 157½, Samoa, six. Conrado Martin, 131¼, Honolulu, kayoed Tino Savea, 128¾, Hon. in one. Zurdo Lopez, 116¼, Tiuana, chilled Cesar Zululeta, 117¼, Philippines.

▲Jose Caba, 124½, Santa Domingo, simply demolished Edwin Alarcon, 125, Philippines, in two frames. Noel Arriesgado, 124¼, Philippines, beat Jesus Hernandez, 126, Mexico, in another tenner.

Malo Fale, 128, Honolulu, defeated Virgilio Legaspi, 128, Philippines. Vito Meredith, 143, Samoa, TKO'd Amie Peregrino, 141½, Philippines. Sol N'gata, Tonga, outpointed Sefulu Togafau, Samoa, in a heavyweight bout. Ronald Richardson, 141, Honolulu, decisioned Kid Logan, 140¼, Puerto Rico, four.

CENTRAL FLORIDA RING REPORT

By GEORGE CURCIO

ORLANDO — Edgar "Bad News" Wallace, 164, Phoenix, toyed with local history professor John Giroski (formerly Tallarico), 166, Orlando, for four rounds before sending the clearly outclassed localite into a deep sleep at 0:40 of the fifth round, with a vicious right hand to the jaw performing the kayo magic. Giroski was never in the fight, which he says was his last. The 30-year old veteran says he was hit so hard by Wallace "that this was the first fight in which I didn't hear the count on the knockout." With the win, Wallace, running hot and cold as of late, moved his slate to 21-2.

Claude Noel, 130, Miami, also used a right hand squarely to the jaw to register a kayo win, his victim being Frankie Moultrie, 128, Pensacola, a late sub for New Orleans' Scotty Foreman. Moultrie caught the right hand square on the button and was out for more than a minute-and-one half as a result.

Southern Middleweight champion Milton Owens, 21-0, 162, Orlando, returned from a four-month hiatus due to a broken hand to stop Slick Mitchell, 161, Brunswick, in three rounds.

▲ORLANDO — North American and Southern junior middleweight champion Edgar "Mad Dog" Ross tattoed Oklahoma City's Mickey Banks for eight rounds until the visitor from the mid-west could no longer continue in their scheduled ten-round non-title affair.

Ross, rated seventh in the world and first in the nation, had no trouble in upping his record to 51-1-2 with thirty-nine knockouts. Banks, a 23-year old veteran of twenty-one fights (17-4, 11 KOs), despite having an enormous amount of courage, was imply no match for the Orlandoan, now unbeaten in his last forty-four bouts.

Ross, who concentrated more on boxing than slugging, dumped Banks twice in the sixth, first with a left to the body and then with a head combination seconds later. After the eighth round, during which Banks' face became extremely bloodied from the beating he had thus far received, Banks' corner would not allow their charge to answer for the ninth round. Ross weighed 156, Banks 159½.

Nick Wells, 218, Fort Worth, billed as "the world's harest punching heavyweight," escaped from his eight-round bout with Curtis Gaskins as a highly-debateable split decision victor. Gaskins, a 214-pounder from Lakeland, outboxed Wells for much of the contest but went down twice in the final stanza, mainly from exhaustion. The two trips to the canvas cost him the round by a wide margin, and thus gave Wells the fight. Scoring by Frank Skilbred an Al Aldrich went 76-75 and 77-74 in Wells' favor; Bob Burns saw Gaskins a 76-75 winner.

The Sports Stadium crowd of 1,700 agreed with Burns and was highly displeased with the decision. To show their displeasure, the fans let out with several minutes of continual booing and object-hurtling. Wells, now 10-2 with nine KOs, was booed from the ring while Gaskins (2-1-1) received a standing ovation. Both fighters were grossly out of shape.

Billy Miller, 150, Fort Worth, stopped Prince Nikita Tarhocker, 159, Belgian Congo, Philadelphia and Melbourne, via TKO at 2:14 of the third round. Tarhocker was down for a toll of nine late in the first round from a straight left to the jaw, but came back to taunt the aggressive Miller in the following stanza. Miller battered Tarhocker all over the ring until ref Victor Perez halted one-sided affair. Miller's log is now 7-1.

Willie Shannon, 184, Eustis, rolled to his seventh pro victory without a defeat as he stopped Ivin Dominey, 178, Fort Worth, at 0:55 of the second. Dominey made two trips to the canvas, both in the second frame and both the result of right hands to the jaw. Dominey reminded some of Jerry Quarry—he possessed a plodding style and was easily open to the right hand. The loss was Dominey's first in four contests.

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

By GEORGE C. BECKLES

SPARROW'S HIDEAWAY — Apacked house saw the ex-middleweight champion Carlos Mark, 165, Trinidad, displaying all of his old superlative ringcraft and his durable best and rugged as ever, proved in no uncertain terms he has what it takes to pull the crowd and also to satisfy them, keeping himself in big money, especially when he comes down to fight in the middleweight class and when he goes up to fight Wendell Joseph, 175 lbs, heavyweight champion of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago for the vacant national lightheavy weight title, Mark battered the heavyweight for almost the entire fifteen rounds, Mark bounced in and out beating Wendell to the punch from one to eight when Wendell cut mark with a right to the button leaving Carlos with glassy eyes and wobbling legs, took the mandatory eight count in round nine, Carlos rocked and rolled, covering up as only he could have done from Wendell's wild punches then the bell sounded. The tenth round came and fans saw a revived Mark taking the fight to Wendell using combination punches to body and head slipping and beating Wendell to the punch for rest on the rounds as Carlos Mark won by a unanimous decision going fifteen rounds. Judge James Harper: 71-65, Mark; Judge Ken Laughlin: 71-67, Mark; Referee George Cumberbatch: 71-62, Mark.

"ALI BABA'S DOWN" FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HIS CAREER." HOWARD COGSWELL'S VOICE VIBRATES. "SIX SEVEN, HE'S HURT- CAN HE MAKE IT TO THE END OF THE ROUND.'" ACE HAWKINS, PACKY CARLISO MANAGER IS SHOUTING SOMETHING TO HIM IT SOUNDS LIKE------DONT GET CARELESS PACKY, DONT GET CARELESS!" LOOKS LIKE THIS CANARY PUNCHES LIKE A MULE! CARLISO'S INSIDE NOW, BANGING LEFTS AND RIGHTS TO THE BODY,--- BABA'S TRYING TO HOLD ON."----

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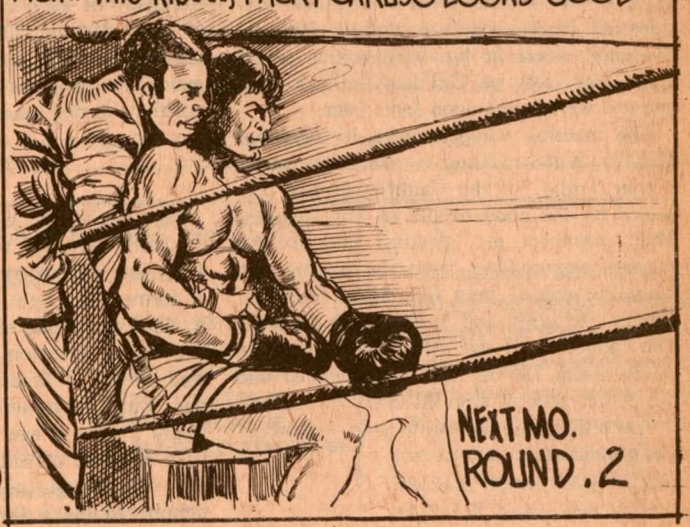

NEXT MO. ROUND .2

UP AND DOWN

Old Broadway

By SAM TAUB

Ring 21, Brooklyn, held a dinner for Paul Berlenbach in honor of his seventy-seventy birthday at Della Rocco's restaurant. Standing, left to right: Frankie Martin, Joe Mulli (chairman), Sam Markowitz, Steve Riggio (chairman), Charlie Spina, Frankie Folan, Pete Dellia, Larry Young. Seated: Lou Salica, Sam Taub, Paul Berlenbach, Joe Ryder, and his son, Frank Gargiulo. Photo by Don Francione.

MANY things have happened during the last few months which need recording. One in particular, the installation of Johnny DeFoe as president and other elected members of Ring #8, DeFoe having succeeded popular Al Reid. DeFoe has been part of boxing through most of his life. His career dates back to 1932 when he was the 118 pound Golden Gloves champion. His pro career is studded with performances against some of our former great champions. Besides he's been a standout with the PAL for 31 years, where he has been boxing supervisor. The story on DeFoe is quite a good one and we'll touch upon same later.

The meeting was preceded by Member Mickey Katz making a presentation to "Your Truly" of the Cauliflower Ear presented by the good people of Los Angeles. Their members are plentiful and include famous personalities from the boxing and wrestling world, men like Mike Mazurki, Jimmy McLarnin and Noble (Kid) Chissell. The induction of the officers-elect, headed by President DeFoe, was well handled and the people present enjoyed every moment of it, including the coalition that followed. Congratulations to all.

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In passing, on the sad note, many of our former standouts in the boxing world have gone. Births are beautiful. Deaths are shocking. One was the news of Five Star General Melvin Krulewitch, who for a while was chairman of our New York State Athletic Commission. He had served in both World Wars and in Korea and was 82 years old. Krulewitch had quite a career and his most memorable recollection was that he was one of eleven survivors from the 200-man 78th Company of the Marine Division. The General was born on New York's lower Manhattan East Side. He also was a lawyer and held many other degrees and many other official positions during his career.

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Jack Grebelsky, who did some fighting in his early days and was the founder of Ring #8, New York City, was another casualty. A former fine light heavyweight from New York, Yale Okun, who was managed by the late Jimmy Johnston, who at one time promoted shows in Madison Square Garden and had many stars under his wing, died in Miani Beach, at age 71, according to his pal Moe Kessler, of Sid & George's in Brooklyn, who brought us the sad tidings. We remember doing a few of Okun's scraps on radio. And Al Miller, of Paul Berlenbach's Ring #21, called to tell us of the demise of Augie Pisano, of Ring #21, as well as Okun, and Jack Hausner, from Harlem, a good performer many years back in the late twenties. To the families of all, our deep sympathy from the Ring staff.

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Getting back to a bright note, those of us still around, they tossed a beautiful 77th year birthday party for ex-wrestling and world's light heavyweight king, Paul Berlenbach, at Pete's Della Rocca's fine eatery at 18 Bay Ridge Avenue, in Brooklyn. The turnout was great including ex-bantam king, Lou Salica, and many former members of the Cauliflower industry. It was good to see the enjoyment it brought to the grand veteran of matdom and fistiana, Punch 'Em Paul. Many more, old Pal.

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Speaking of former boxers, we were sorry to hear of the death of William 'Billy' Patterson, 44 years young, brother of ex-heavyweight king and Boxing Commission member, Floyd Patterson. Billy, was a most promising prospect until he suffered blindness in one eye. Billy was a member of Jahovah's Witnesses. Like Floyd, Billy was one of Gus D'Amato's bright prospects until

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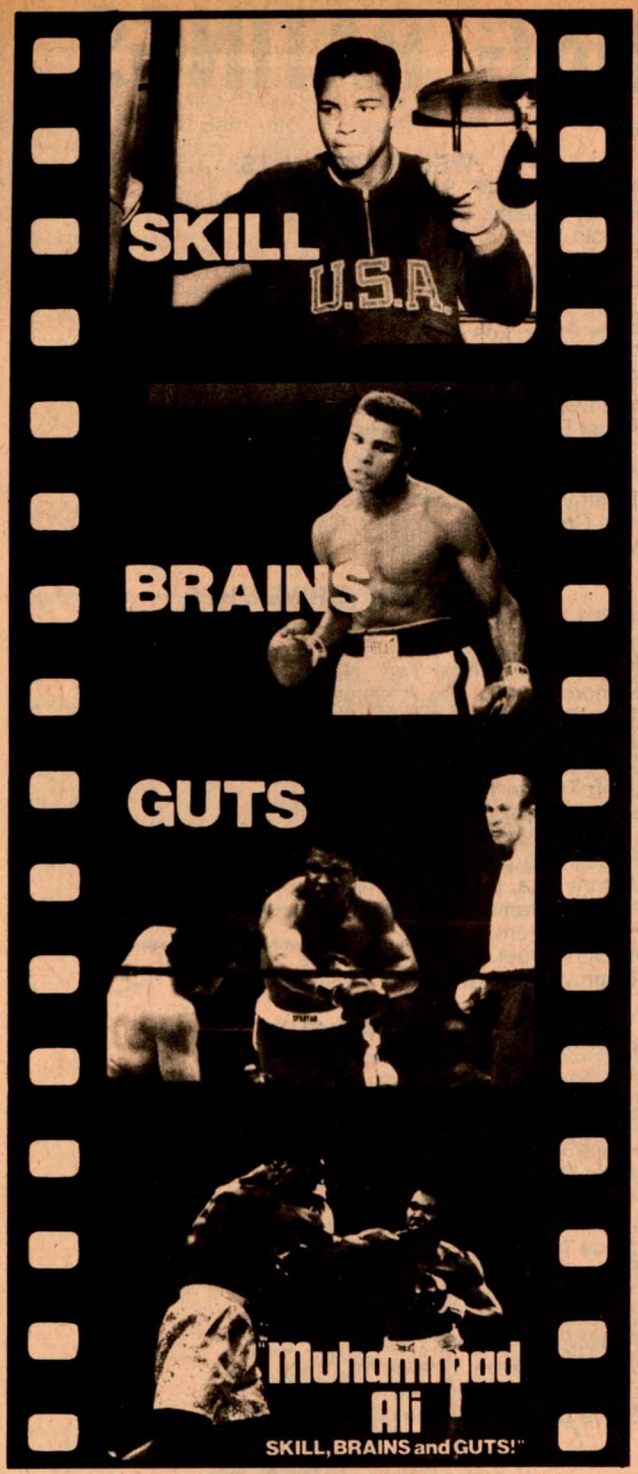

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* MUHAMMAD ALI, Chicago, Ill.
1—Larry Holmes, Easton, Pa.
2—Ken Norton, San Diego, Calif.
3—Ron Lyle, Denver, Colo.
4—Jimmy Young, Philadelphia, Pa.
5—Duane Bobick, Bowlus, Minn.
6—Ozzie Ocasio, Puerto Rico
7—Stan Ward, Sacramento, Calif.
8—Earnie Shavers, Warren, Ohio
9—Randy Stephens, Dallas, Texas
10—Scott LeDoux, Minneapolis, Minn.
11—Leroy Jones, Denver, Colo.
12—Dino Dennis, Attleboro, Mass.
13—Boone Kirkman, Seattle, Wash.
14—Ibar Arrington, Seattle, Wash.
15—Bob Hazelton, Wichita, Kansas

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

* ALVARO (YAQUI) LOPEZ, Stockton, Calif.
1—Mike Rossman, Turnersville, N.J.
2—Eddie Gregory, Brooklyn, N.Y.
3—Matt Franklin, Philadelphia, Pa.
4—Bobby Cassidy, Brentwood, L.I., N.Y.
5—Vonzell Johnson, Columbius, Ohio
6—Richie Kates, Brighton, N.J.
7—Jerry Celestine, New Orleans, La.
8—Marvin Johnson, Indianapolis, Ind.
9—Mike Spinks, St. Louis, Mo.
10—Jessie Burnett, Los Angeles, Calif.
11—Pete McIntyre, San Diego, Calif.
12—Pat Cuillo, Buffalo, N.Y.
13—Matt Ross, Billerica, Mass.
14—Mike Quarry, Orlando, Fla.
15—Kevin Smith, Jersey City, N.J.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

* MARVIN HAGLER, Brockton, Mass.
1—Ronnie Harris, Akron, Ohio
2—Mike Colbert, Portland, Ore.
3—Bennie Briscoe, Philadelphia, Pa.
4—David Love, Los Angeles, Calif.
5—Tony Chiaverini, Kansas City, Mo.
6—Roy Dale, Cincinnati, Ohio
7—Ray Seales, Tacoma, Wash.
8—Edgar Wallace, Phoenix, Ariz.
9—Milton Owens, Orlando, Fla.
10—George Cooper, Oakland, Calif.
11—Willie Warren, Dallas, Texas
12—Casey Gacic, Cleveland, Ohio
13—Erwin Williams, Los Angeles, Calif.
14—Keith Broom, Washington, D.C.
15—Leo Saenz, Baltimore, Md.

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS

* BILLY BACKUS, Syracuse, N.Y.
1—Edgar Ross, Orlando, Fla.
2—Alvin Anderson, Baltimore, Md.
3—Ray Phillips, Dallas, Texas
4—Mike Baker, Washington, D.C.
5—Kevin Morgan, Las Vegas, Nev.
6—Carlos DeLeon, Puerto Rico
7—Ralph Palladin, Baltimore, Md.
8—Johnny Sullivan, Portland, Ore.
9—Leroy Green, Kansas City, Kansas
10—Rocky Mosley, Las Vegas, Nev.
11—Larry Bonds, Enver, Colo.
12—Joey Vincent, Orlando, Fla.
13—Bobby Watts, Philadelphia, Pa.
14—Tommy Howard, Seattle, Wash.
15—Johnny Heard, Chicago, Ill.

WELTERWEIGHTS

* PETE RANZANY, Sacramento, Calif.
1—Randy Shields, Los Angeles, Calif.
2—Harold Weston, New York, N.Y.
3—Floyd Mayweather, Detroit, Mich.
4—Armando Muniz, Los Angeles, Calif.
5—Johnny Gant, Washington, D.C.
6—Andy Price, Los Angeles, Calif.
7—Ray Leonard, Baltimore, Md.
8—Scott Clark, Orlando, Fla.
9—Mel Dennis, Houston, Texas
10—Angel Espadas, Puerto Rico
11—Ray Hammond, New York, N.Y.
12—Arcadio Suarez, New York, N.Y.
13—Tommy Hearns, Detroit, Mich.
14—Ken Crooms, Los Angeles, Calif.
15—Marvin Jenkins, Charleston, S.C.

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS

* BRUCE CURRY, Los Angeles, Calif.
1—Jimmy Heair, Memphis, Tenn.
2—Saoul Mamby, New York, N.Y.
3—Monore Brooks, Los Angeles, Calif.
4—Tony Petronelli, Brockton, Mass.
5—Jimmy Corkum, Boston, Mass.
6—Larry Stanton, Merrick, L.I., N.Y.
7—John Turner, New York, N.Y.
8—Vic Abraham, Los Angeles, Calif.
9— Luis Davila, Hartford, Conn.
10—Robert Vasquez, Houston, Texas
11—Johnny Lira, Las Vegas, Nev.
12—Anthony Daniels, Fairmont, Va.
13—Hector Rivera, Puerto Rico
14—Adolph Viruet, Puerto Rico
15—Tommy Rose, Sherborn, Mass.

LIGHTWEIGHTS

* ANDREW GANIGAN, Honolulu, Hawaii
1—Esteban DeJesus, Puerto Rico
2—Edwin Viruet, Puerto Rico
3—Termite Watkins, Houston, Texas
4—Howard Davis, Glen Cove, L.I., N.Y.
5—Willie Rodriquez, Allentown, Pa.
6—Aaron Pryor, Cincinnati, Ohio
7—Leroy Haley, Las Vegas, Nev.
8—Josue Marquez, Puerto Rico
9—Enrique Solis, Puerto Rico
10—Billy Parks, Denver, Colo.
11—Ruby Ortiz, Brooklyn, N.Y.
12—Reynaldo Zaragonza, Stockton, Calif.
13—Johnny Sullivan, Kearny, N.J.
14—Rufus Miller, Paterson, N.J.
15—Steve Dement, Bossier City, La.

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS

* ALFREDO ESCALERA, Puerto Rico
1—Frankie Baltazar, Los Angeles, Calif.
2—Walter Seeley, Sayville, L.I., N.Y.
3—Arturo Leon, Phoenix, Ariz.
4—Warren Matthews, New Orleans, La.
5—Bobby Chacon, Los Angeles, Calif.
6—Greg Coverson, Seattle, Wash.
7—Luke Ervin, Jersey City, N.J.
8—Roy Hernandez, San Antonio, Texas
9—Beto Nunez, Phoenix, Ariz.
10—Hilbert Stevenson, Winston-Salem, N.C.
11—Francisco Villegas, Puerto Rico
12—Miguel Lujan, Los Angeles, Calif.
13—Alex Alatore, Los Angeles, Calif.
14—Raymond Roman, Puerto Rico
15—Nacho Jiminez, Los Angeles, Calif.

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FEATHERWEIGHTS

* DANNY LOPEZ, Los Angeles, Calif.
1—Richard Rozelle, Columbus, Ohio
2—Sean O'Grady, Oklahoma City, Okla.
3—Ruben Castillo, Bakersfield, Calif.
4—Mike Ayala, San Antonio, Texas
5—Alberto Collazo, Pittsburgh, Pa.
6—Jimmy Farrell, Rockland, Mass.
7—Herman Montes, Los Angeles, Calif.
8—Jimmy Martinez, Clovis, N.M.
9—Ronnie McGarvey, Baltimore, Md.
10—Jerome Artis, Philadelphia, Pa.
11—Augie Pantellas, Philadelphia, Pa.
12—Gerald Hayes, East Orange, N.J.
13—William Berry, Trenton, N.J.
14—Jose Resendez, Los Angeles, Calif.
15—Billy Alexander, New York, N.Y.

BANTAMWEIGHTS

⅛ WILFREDO GOMEZ, Puerto Rico
1—Frank Duarte, Los Angeles, Calif.
2—Alberto Davila, Los Angeles, Calif.
3—Andres Hernandez, Puerto Rico
4—Earl Large, Phoenix, Ariz.
5—Oscar Muniz, Los Angeles, Calif.
6—Andres Torres, Puerto Rico
7—Artemio Jeronimo, Los Angeles, Calif.
8—Ignacio Osorio, Los Angeles, Calif.
9—Baby Kid Chocolate, Philadelphia, Pa.
10—Jeff Chandler, Philadelphia, Pa.
11—Jose Rosa, Puerto Rico
12—Sergio Reyes, Los Angeles, Calif.
13—Armando Franco, Los Angeles, Calif.
14—Santiago Hernandez, San Diego, Calif.
15—Daryl Jones, Stockton, Calif.

FLYWEIGHTS

* ALBERTO SANDOVAL, Los Angeles, Calif.
1—JosiOrtiz, Puerto Rico
2—Joey Olivio, Los Angeles, Calif.
3—Freddy Gonzalez, Los Angeles, Calif.
4—Salvatore Vasquez, Los Angeles, Calif.
5—Mario Chavez, Los Angeles, Calif.
6—D.C. Cunningham, Cincinnati, Ohio
7—David Ramahlo, Lowell, Mass.
8—Willie Jansen, Las Vegas, Nev.
9—Orlando Maldonado, Puerto Rico
10—Raul Pecheco, Los Angeles, Calif.

ARIZONA ACTION

● *By ROBERT CARSON* ●

Last minute substitute Dino Del Cid scored an upset by beating local favorite Vincente Medina into submission in the first round of a ten-round middleweight contest.

Del Cid, a Panamanian boxing out of the Bronx, came into the fight at 164½, while Medina hit the scales at a trim 161.

The fight hadn't gone thirty seconds when the aggressive Del Cid started unloading some hard lefts to the head of the veteran Medina. After almost tumbling through the ropes, Medina appeared confused and baffled by the pressing style of Del Cid.

The referee wisely stopped the fight after only one minute and fifty-four seconds.

Del Cid, who is a veteran of over fifty pro fights, plans on a match with bad boy Vinnie .curto.

For Vincente Medina, who had just dropped a decision in Africa, it was a bitter disappointment.

In the semi-final, college grad Xavier Gracia of Tucson knocked out ring wise Ruben Rascon from Mexico in the third round. Both middleweights traded punches for the first two rounds but Gracia started finding his mark in the third, and a strong left followed by an overhand right put Rascon down.

In a six-round lightweight bout, former Arizona lightweight champ Nicky Alfaro won a unanimous decision over tough Barrenta Hernandez of Mexico. Both fighters stood toe-to-toe and only the persistent style of Alfaro won the popular vote.

In a featherweight contest, Art Silveira, Mexico, won over willing Rafael Rodriguez. It was a fast paced fight throughout the entire six rounds, with the bloodied Silveira scoring the more punishing blows.

The curtain raiser saw chunky Frankie Alvaroz, Tucson, win over debuting Lala Rascon, Mexico.

All the bouts were exciting and, though the crowd wasn't large, promoter Manny Ferrera hopes to bring boxing back to Tucson.

1978 RING RECORD BOOK CORRECTIONS:

Add the following to the record of Bill Wareham on page 690:
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NEW ORLEANS FIGHT SCENE

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club had taken on national prominence. Bob Fitzsimmons scored two of his greatest knockouts there, those over Nonpareil Jack Dempsey and Peter Maher, and there, too, Brooklyn Jimmy Carroll kayoed Any Bowen and was in turn stopped by Billy Myer in forty-three rounds. It was as a result of bitter rivalry between what were by now many rival clubs that the Olympic came up with the idea of the legendary "Carnival of Champions"—three championship fights to be staged on three successive nights. September 5 saw Jack McAuliffe knock out Billy Myer in the fifteenth round to retain the lightweight championship of America.

On September 6, George Dixon whipped Jack Skelly in eight rounds, a fight notable for the fact that Skelly, who was amateur champion, had never fought a professional fight before. And on September 7, the fans, appetites whetted, poured in to see the big one—for the heavyweight championship of the world.

Corbett, winning the largest purse and stakes ever fought for up to that time, $45-,000, took the championship from a man who had never known defeat. It was the first defense of the heavyweight title to be fought with gloves and under Marquis of Queensberry rules, legal in Louisiana. The fight marked the end of the London Prize Ring Rules era.

Fifty years later, a Golden Jubilee boxing show, commemorating the Sullivan-Corbett fight, was a financial flop. In January, 1959, there wasn't a licensed boxing promoter in town.

Eighty years after the carnival, before a crowd of 7,000 (the estimate was 10,000 for the first championship), producing a $20-0,000 live gate, Joe Frazier defended his title against Terry Daniels. It was the first heavyweight title bout to be shown on home television screens in about a decade. There was never a chance that Daniels, a pre-law student, would do what the ex-bank clerk from San Francisco did to the world heavyweight champion. The fight was stopped in the fourth round with the courageous challenger draped over the ring ropes.

New Orleans has had its share of great name fights and fighters: Abe Attell, Sam Langford, Jack Dempsey, Gene Tunney, Sixto Escobar, Kid McCoy, Battling Siki, Johnny Coulon, to name a very few. But the heavyweight championship is in a throat-pulsing, heart-pounding class by itself, and with the Spinks-Ali fight, emotions will run high in New Orleans again.

HOLMES OVER NORTON

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A heavyweight preliminary bout saw Alfredo Evangelista of Spain win a split decision over Jody Ballard, a stablemate of Larry Holmes.

Evangelista provided the only action of the dull eight-rounder, as he worked constantly with hooks to Ballard's mid-section.

In another heavyweight prelim, Kevin Isaacs of New York scored a third round TKO over his little-known opponent, Ellis Sanders.

ARGUELLO KO'S ALCALA IN THE FIRST

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And, of course, there is some logic to that, because, if he came in at one twenty-nine it would appear that he can still take on the easier pickings of his own division. Duran, on the other hand, has an offer he cannot refuse: a WBA title clash in the junior welter division with Antonio Cervantes for a rumored sum of $400,000.

Two former world title holders of recent vintage also made their appearance on the card.

Alfredo Escalera scored a unanimous ten-round decision over a very stubborn Mexican fighting out of California by the name of Rogelio Castaneda. Alfredo looked like he was going to make early work out of his rival. He had him in bad shape early in the bout but let him off the hook. The Mex gained courage when he opened up an old lip wound in the middle rounds at which time Escalara began to lose a little of his composure and became somewhat erratic in his offense as well as defense. Rogelio on the other hand landed some good blows but with very little power behind them. Although Escalera feels that he is ready for a rematch with his conqueror, Alexis Arguello, this corner does not feel that he should step in the ring again with the Nicaraguan. Interviewed after the fight Alexis was also of the same opinion. "Sure I'll give Alfredo a rematch, if he wants it, but if a light puncher like Castaneda was able to do so much damage imagine what someone with a punch can do!"

Arguello won the plaudits of the fans by rooting for Escalera during the bout and even sneaking into his corner to offer some advice now and then.

In another ten, former champ Esteban de Jesus looked sharp in scoring a four round kayo over Joe Baez, a transplanted Dominican now fighting out of California.

Esteban started the bout working very effectively to the body and finished off his elongated opponent with a steady barrage to the head.

In the best bout of the evening, veteran featherweight Andres 'Malanga' Torres scored an upset eight-round verdict over the previously undefeated Nicaraguan youngster Dennis Moran. It was a slugfest all the way through and a hard one to decide when it was over. The decision was split and a draw would have been reasonable. Moran started very well but faded in the closing rounds. He had more power but Torres was more consistent. A rematch may be scheduled, but this one will be in Managua, Nicaragua, with a good guarantee assured for Torres.

SUGAR RAY LEONARD DECISIONS RODRIGUEZ

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you have to wonder why Sugar Ray didn't load up and try to put him away in the last two or three rounds? It's a puzzle to your writer, but one thing that isn't a puzzle is the fact that this one goes into the books as a 10 round unanimous decision win for Sugar Ray Leonard.

PARLOV EDGES CONTEH FOR WBC CROWN

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149-141; Perez, 145-143; and Young, 143-142. Mate still would have come out on top.

Parlov stated after the bout that he would like to meet WBA king Victor Galindez to clear up the light heavyweight championship picture.

WORLD RATINGS

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fifth from seventh, Muniz falls to seven from six, Marcello's loss to Joe Kimpuani drops him from eighth to tenth. Johnny Gant moves up from ninth to eighth and Andy Price from tenth to ninth.

Kimpuani's victory over Marcello moves him from nine to seven in the junior welters. Mamby's win moves him from tenth to eighth, while inactive Baby Cassius and Monroe Brooks drop to ninth and tenth.

Lightweight Claude Noel's win over Frank Moultrie moves him from eighth to seventh. Inactive Watts drops from seventh to eighth.

Escalera's win over Castaneda moves him from three to two. Baltazar goes from four to three dut to his win over Jose Solano. Inactive Limon falls from two to four. Vezzoli moves from nine to eight, while Alcala, who was eight, drops out, replaced by Bobby Chacon, who beat Ignacio Campos. Chacon is tenth.

Featherweight Hector Carrasquilla's victory over Clauade Durden makes him number ten as Roberto Gastanon drops from the top ten.

Alberto Davila, Los Angeles replaces Jose Miranda, number nine in the bantamweights.

Neyrnoi Vorasinghi's retirement as WBC junior fly king, and number five in the world flyweights, puts Betulio Gonzalez back into the top ten in the last spot. Everyone else moves up one notch.

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RINGSIDE WITH "Sailor" Don Sauer

By DON SAUER

Angelo Dundee and "Sailor" Don Sauer

IT is difficult to believe—Has GEORGE FOREMAN really changed that much—? ? He is in the throes of a return to ring warfare—he has changed, you can believe it . . . FOREMAN now has hair close cropped—has shaved off his mustache—is a bit heavier than when he was the "heavyweight champion of the world" . . . Mentally—he has an entirely different outlook on life—! He wants nothing but love—no more ill-feelings toward his fellow man—. Now this is all well and good—but I am wondering, will all this humility have an effect on his future "inside the ropes?" . . . He talked of his early days—when he was the toughest bloke on the street—"I was possessed by the devil—now I am possessed by the spirit of God" . . . . When he reigned as the champion—he was quite a guy with the gals . . . seemed to always try to prove he "was the very best" . . . Early in his boxing career—when still an amateur—FOREMAN will be remembered most for his running around the ring after winning the gold medal in Mexico City waving the American flag . . . just a nineteen-year-old lad—wanting to show his country's colors . . . while black athletes JOHN CARLOS and TOMMY SMITH had given clenched fist salutes—yes, maybe GEORGE FOREMAN has changed . . . maybe he has "grown up". I look for the big guy to cut a wide swath through most of the heavyweights around today—God Bless him . . ! ! If W.B.C. welterweight champ CARLOS PALOMINO and the W.B.A. champ, JOSE "PIPINO" CUEVAS ever do cross gloves—it would be a sellout in any California ring . . . My money would have to be on CUEVAS—he's a tremendous puncher—and has been in with the very best in the division . . . After a severe beating at the hands of PALOMINO—in his fourth try to become a world champion, it is time for MANDO MUNIZ to call it quits—before he is hurt—. MUNIZ is now thirty-two years young, his best days are far behind him . . . He had an up and down comeback, topped by his "cut" win over PETE RANZANY—This warranted his final shot at the world title . . . . Now it is over . . . ! ! The N.Y. Garden did $82,854 with GUY "ROCKY" CASALE and BOBBY HALPERN "on top"—the "house" was 7,382—Then HALPERN, after being kayoed by CASALE got himself shot in the Bronx—His career is over—! JOHNNY SUDAC, Buffalo fight manager, also runs Singer's Gym in that city—JOHNNY has made many friends of the years in boxing . . . . Big benefit for former champ JOHNNY BRATTON and fight trainer LARRY AMADEE in Chicago. . . . HUGO CORRO got the nod—but former champ RODRIGO VALDES was 7-1 to cop the win when they met in Italy and VALDES lost his middleweight title . . . . MIKE DOKES, now living at Miami Beach, can't miss being a top notcher as a heavyweight when he matures—MIKE is a good looking nineteen-year-old heavyweight who is in demand everywhere— . . . . Veteran fight trainer LOU GROSS, was one of the judges when CAT DAVIS and CONNIE SMITH collided at Atlanta, Ga., with the gal's lightweight bauble up for grabs . . . I told LOU—watch the match—never mind the gals, both of whom are mighty attractive—Nice gals too . . . Veteran boxing manager and trainer, JOE HERMAN, had his niece visiting with him at San Francisco—She hails from East Africa—JOE then took a fishing trip up to Northern California . . . . Still active at the tender age of 78 years—and still busy readying fighters for action. . . . JOE BUGNER was in Los Angeles recently—then went back to Italy for a part in a second film . . . BOB JARVIS, who was at the height of his ring career, when a tragic accident in Seattle forced amputation of both of his legs, has now taken out a promoter's license in that city—We wish him well . . . . CHRIS DUNDEE, Miami Beach promoter, has been inducted into the Pennsylvania Boxing Hall of Fame . . . Congratulations, CHRIS . . . . DUANE BOBICK married DENISE DiROSE and they honeymooned in the Bahamas—DUANE then returned to South Africa to finish acting in a film there and may have a few fights there later . . . Just about everyone in Philly's Cafe Society crowd attended the reception at the Linwood Country Club following DUANE and DENISE's wedding in Ventnor . . . . SOLOMAN McTIER'S back in ring action—McTIER claims to be the oldest (fourty-five) active heavyweight in the world—He was a sparring partner and confidante of MUHAMMAD ALI . . . According to a vote of the Boxing Writers of America—SUGAR RAY ROBINSON is #1—Sorry about that. ALI— . . . ARCHIE MOORE was polled as the top light-heavyweight and ROBERTO DURAN was named top lightweight ever . . . . JOE HERMAN visited with his old friend and partner in the NEWMAN-HERMAN GYM, BILLY NEWMAN—the latter has all kinds of complications . . . . a navy nurse comes to his home three times a day to give him medication . . . NEWMAN was in the Sea Bees during the Big Clambake, W.W. II . . . . Remember that one. . . ? ? ? ?

See you next month—keep punching! !

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IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA

By DON FRASER

SANDOVAL KAYOES GONZALES

LOS ANGELES — Pomona's Alberto Sandoval exploded with a right uppercut to knock out Freddie Gonzales of Mexico in the first round at the Olympic Auditorium.

Sandoval, 117, was cautious at the outset as Gonzales, 115, took charge. However, with time running out in the round, Alberto ended it with a left to the head—and then the uppercut.

Referee Rudy Jordan counted out Gonzales at the 2:52 mark.

Gonzales' co-manager, comedian Redd Foxx, was a dejected ringside fan. His boy had entered the ring with a 49-15 record.

The win now gives the unbeaten Superfly a 26-1 slate. Manager Jackie McCoy is now looking for a top rated bantamweight for Sandoval.

The gate was $17,040 paid by 3,110 fans.

Earlier, Sandoval's stablemate, Mircea Simon of Romania halted veteran Dan Johnson of Los Angeles at 2:25 of the sixth round. Simon was silver medalist in the 1976 Olympic Games.

It was the fourth victory and third knockout for Simon, who defected from Romania. Weights, Simon, 211, Johnson, 201.

Other results: Alonzo Gonzales, 115, Mexico, KO over Elisar Soto, 117, Los Angeles (3); Al Carranza, 139½, East Los Angeles, dec. over Genaro Gloria, 140½, Los Angeles (4); Lorenzo Ramirez, 121, Mexico, dec. over Al Delgadillo, 121, Los Angeles (4); Jorge Garcia, 121, Mexico, KO over Juan Ramos, 121, Los Angeles (2).

▲LOS ANGELES — Top ranking bantamweight contender Alberto Davila upped his record to 30-5 with a one sided victory over Manny Vasquez of Mexico City at the Olympic Auditorium.

In a prior meeting, Davila collected a ten-round decision.

This time, the little sharpshooter from Pomona finished off Vasquez in the sixth. Referee Larry Rozadilla halted the fight with just two seconds remaining in the round after Davila dropped Manny with a right to the head.

Weights: Davila, 120; Vasquez, 119.

Other results: Ricky Weigel, 155, Los Angeles, dec. over Richard Abbott, 157, Los Angeles (6); Eddie Rogers, 138, Los Angeles, KO over Noe Rivera, 137, Montebello (3); Joe Figueroa, 147½, East Los Angeles, dec. over Larry Duran, 147, Los Angeles (5); Irieis Perez, 134, Los Angeles, dec. over Eric Bonilla, 135, San Diego (5); Chon Arias, 158, East Los Angeles, tech. dec. over Henry Hearns, 159, Los Angeles (3).

▲LOS ANGELES — The style of Tiger Noji was made to order for Arturo Leon—and the result was a knockout in the fourth round at the Olympic Auditorium.

Leon, 136½, hails from Tucson and has done quite well in Southland rings, defeating Bobby Chacon and Jimmy Heair.

The scrappy Japanese, who weighed 139, was down twice before referee Marty Denkin wisely ended matters at the 1:57 mark of the fourth.

Other results: Raul Ochoa, 118½, Mexico, KO over Mario Chavez, 117½, Los Angeles (7); Steve Delgado, 152, Dan Diego, KO over Mario Nieri, 151, Los Angeles (3); Al Carrabza, 138½, Los Angeles, KO over Javier Hernandez, 139, Mexico (5); Juan Ramos, 143, Los Angeles, and Al Delgadillo, 140, drew (4).

▲BAKERSFIELD — Freddie Gonzales, 118½, Los Angeles and Mexico, took a spirited twelve-round decision over Jose Del Rio, 121¾, Los Angeles, to become Super bantamweight champion of California.

Other bouts: Agapito Ramirez, 146, Los Angeles, dec. over Gil Valdez, 148, Los Angeles (8); Alonzo Gonzales, 111, Los Angeles, dec. over Augustine Sanchez, 111¾, Mexico (6).

The gate was $3,255, the best yet for promoter Jesus Pimentel.

▲LOS ANGELES — Herman Montes is ambitious. The youngster from Montebello wants to fight Howard Davis next after scoring an impressive ten-round win over Leoncio Meza, 136, Mexico, at the Olympic Auditorium.

It was the twelfth triumph for Montes, 135, who is a stablemate of champion Danny Lopez. Montes was a clear winner and registered the lone knockdown of the fight, flooring Meza in the eighth round with a right uppercut.

In a companion ten-rounder, Oscar Muniz, 120½, Los Angeles, KO'ed Antonio Sanchez, 121, Mexicali, after 38 seconds into the ninth round.

Other results: Chon Arias, 161, East Los Angeles, KO over Warren Lee, 156½, Los Angeles (1); Irleis Perez, 136½, Los Angeles, KO over Pedro Osuna, 135, Mexico (1).

▲BAKERSFIELD — Japan's Tiger Noji, 140¾, blasted out an easy third round knockout over Agapito Ramirez, 143, Mexico City, in their scheduled ten-rounder at Strongbow Stadium.

Less than 500 fans paid $1,491, which could mean the end of pro boxing in Bakersfield.

Other results: Aramndo Ugalde, 112½, Mexico, dec. over Alonso Gonzales, 111½, Los Angeles (6); Val Holguin, 126¾, Mexico, dec. over Juan Sanchez, 129¼, Los Angeles (8).

▲SAN DIEGO — Off since losing to Arturo Leon five months ago, Bobby Chacon put together an outstanding effort and blitzed Ignacio Campos in the seventh round at the Coliseum.

Chacon was scoring with heavy right hand punches when the bout was stopped in the seventh round. The former WBC featherweight champion was well in front at the end.

Other results: Pablo Baez, 147½, Dominican Republic, stopped Fernando Lugo, 145, Mexico, (6); Irish Bert Lee, 149½, San Diego, KO over Gene Baldwin, 146, Los Angeles (2); Rick Mills, 201, Covina, KO over Elliott Bryant, 224½, San Diego (3); Robert Willcot, 145, San Diego, KO over Dave Hinton, 145, San Diego (3), Eric Bonilla, 139, San Diego, and Clint Cambell, 139, Los Angeles, drew (4).

A near capacity gathering of 2,100 paid $8,032.

▲LOS ANGELES — Frankie Baltazar Jr., had an easy assignment at the Olympic Auditorium. He took one Jose Luis Solano, 132, Mexico, in the scheduled ten-round main event, and, in less than one round, finished off Solano.

Manager Jackie McCoy feels young Baltazar is redy to go after the junior lightweight title. Frankie weighed 130¾.

In a second ten, unbeaten Art Frias, 134½, Montebello, shaded Fidel Fraijo, 135½, Los Angeles.

Simon Mircea, 207, Romania, won his third pro fight with an eight round decision over Bob Swoopes, 240, San Diego.

Other results: James Waire, 159½, Los Angeles, dec. over Richard Abbott, 160, Los Angeles (6); Joe Figueroa, 147½, East Los Angeles, KO over Rod Harvey, 149½, Los Angeles (3).

The gate was $4,456.

▲STOCKTON — Raul Tirado, 126, Mexico City, came through with a major upset, decisioning favored and ranked Fel Clemente, 126, Manila, P.I., in ten rounds at Civic Auditorium.

In a second ten-rounder, Sigfrido Rodriguez, 132½, Mexico City, edged Modesto Concepcion, 137, Dominican Republic. Local favorite, Nacho Jimenez, 131, stopped Juan Villa, 130¾, Mexico, in the fifth round of their scheduled ten.

Pee Man Jones, 119½, Oakland, nodded Carlos Zuniga, 120, Stockton, in a six rounder. The gate was an impressive $15,933 for the Bautista Boxing Club.

▲SAN DIEGO — Undefeated Ricky Weigel, 155, Los Angeles, took the measure of Steve Bentley, 162, scoring a knockout in the fifth round of their scheduled eight-round main event.

Other bouts: Jim Ingram, 170, San Diego, KO over Hector Torres, 173½, Mexico (3); Clint Campbell, 137, Los Angeles, dec. over Gary Pittman, 135, San Diego (5); Mike Hickman, 160½, San Diego, dec. over Hector Fernandez, 159, Mexico (5).

The gate was $2,968.

SACRAMENTO AND VICINITY

● *By CHRISTOPHER COATS* ●

SACRAMENTO — Randy Shields relied upon fast hands and feet to score a split decision win over Babs McCarthy in the ten round main event at the Sacramento Civic Auditorium.

Shields, 141, North Hollywood, returned to the ring for the first time since losing by way of TKO to Pete Ranzany. The win increased his record to 36-3-1, twenty-five by knockout.

McCarthy, 147, Sacramento, is a short-armed brawler with an iron jaw and a big heart. He forced the action but was frustrated in all but a few of his attempts to land a series of effective punches. Shields was too fast and possessed too much boxing finesse for McCarthy to handle.

The bout had been postponed on two earlier occasions, once when Shields was bitten by a dog. The cards read: 98-93, 98-92, and 96-96. The Ring had it 6-3-1 for fleetfooted Randy.

Promoter Babe Griffin and matchmaker Sid Tanner were disappointed with the attendance, 1,083, which paid $8,976, but considering the earlier postponements this was to be expected. Shields has been fighting without a home base for the past two years and Griffin is from Sacramento.

▲CONCORD — California middleweight champion George Cooper scored a lopsided win over Rudy Cruz in a non-title main event at the Concord Pavilion. Cooper, from Oakland, repeated an earlier win over the Fresno southpaw and upped his record to 37-4-3.

The bout was anything but interesting as Cruz came to dance, not to conquer. In the third round it appeared that "Cool Head" Cooper would spare the fans more boredom when he staggered Cruz with a right hand. Cruz, 159, survived the round and continued running until the final bell, which, incidentally, awakened many of the customers.

The scorecards favored Cooper, 100-92, 100-91, and 99-91. The show was promoted by the Concord Pavilion, with Tom Conroy doing almost everything but selling the hot dogs. The gross gate was $9,248, paid by 1,179.

Luckily, the under card provided the boxing fans with exciting, hard working fighters. In a secondary ten rounder, undefeated Joey Olivos of Los Angeles furthered his record to 17-0 with a decisive decision win over Candy Iglesias of Phoenix. It was Olivos' second victory over Iglesias in two months but only the second time the winner has gone ten rounds. Both fighters weighed 109 pounds.

SACRAMENTO — Welterweight Pete Ranzany scored a unanimous ten round decision over rugged Rafael Rodriguez and now expects his next fight to be against WBA champ Jose Cuevas.

Ranzany, 149, didn't really want this fight and claimed to have trouble getting his interest up for it. It showed. Rodriguez, 148, from Minneapolis, proved to be a tough customer who disregarded the unfriendly audience with a sustained, and at times, effective effort.

The official cards were generous to Ranzany; they read 99-91, 99-91, and 98-92. This writer's score sheet had Ranzany in front 96-94.

In the second round it appeared that Ranzany would get his twenty-seventh pro knockout when a short right decorated the canvas with Rodriguez's body. Rodriguez got up and hugged until the bell. In the following frame Rodriguez came back the aggressor, but was never able to turn the fight around.

A crowd of 3,262 paid $36,092, which meant another near sellout for promoter Babe Griffin. Ranzany upped his record to 40-2-1, despite his admitted lack of enthusiasm for the bout.

Ranzany's performance was anything but his best. Since losing to Armando Muniz on cuts, Ranzany has become overly conscious about the possibility of receiving a butt. Once an excellent body puncher, Ranzany has turned into a head hunter and neglects his skill at in-fighting. Against Rodriguez, he appeared tentative in all but the second frame. Ranzany's worries were evident throughout the fight as he was frequently rubbing his gloves against his eyebrows, looking for traces of bleeding.

After the fight, Ranzany admitted he was thinking too far ahead. "It used to be that I'd just fight to win. But I was afraid before and during this fight. I was afraid I'd get butted and cut and lose the title fight and the big money. It hurt my performance. I fought to be safe and not to win and I'm not the safety type of fighter."

In the prelims: Ron Cummings, Sacramento, 143, scored a seventh round technichal knockout over Fred Lorona, Fresno, 147, in a scheduled eight rounder.

In a brutal six-rounder, Gilbert Valdez, 152, Los Angeles, won a split decision over Joe Maddonado, 145, Fresno. Neither fighter was worried about anything and both men ended up with grapefruit size lumps.

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BOBBY HALPERN: THE "IMPOSSIBLE DREAM" IS ENDED

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One minute into the third round, Bobby barreled forward and gambled with a wild right lead. Casale came catapulting off the ropes with a picture perfect right to the jaw that dropped him on his face. Referee LoBianco stopped counting at six. It was only Casale's second KO and it was the first time that Halpern had been counted out. Lucky punch or not, the dream came to an abrupt halt.

Bobby Halpern intends to continue with his boxing career. He is eager for a rematch with Casale and ready to take on Leon Spinks! "I been hit by 2 x 4's, lead pipes, baseball bats," he laughed when asked if he feared the mere gloved fists of the champion. When will he retire? "I been a fighter all my life an' I guess I'll die a fighter," is his only reply.

Post Script: Little did I know when I tape-recorded those two closing quotations that they would turn out to be a tragic prophecy. As I sat at my typewriter, putting the finishing touches on this article, I heard a television newscaster announce that Bobby Halpern had been shot five times by two unidentified white males in a Bronx clothing store. I rushed to the North Central Bonx Hospital where Bobby was taken for surgery. I learned that he was in critical condition, but that no major organs were damaged and that he was expected to live. The only permanent injury was done to his hand. His boxing career is definitely over.

Things were looking up for Bobby this week, in spite of his loss to Casale. He boxed a four round exhibition with Angel Oquendo in a Bronx movie theater. Several former fight managers were in the audience and they all agreed that Halpern boxed superbly. After a brief period of hesitation the N.Y. State Athletic Commission agreed to continue his license. Only yesterday, Casale's manager, Nick Baffi, was on the phone with Charlie Caserta to discuss a rematch. And this morning Bobby was asked to do his first television commercial. His future is in doubt after the shooting incident, but Westchester County Center promoter Richie Falcigno is already talking about staging a benifit for Bobby that will hopefully include some of the big names in boxing.

I last saw Bobby Halpern on May 22nd, one week after his fight with Guy Casale. We talked in the manager's office of a Bronx movie theater, where Bobby was scheduled to box an exhibition with Angel Oquendo, to raise money for the Cage Recreation Center. As I was helping him tape up his still-swollen left hand, he made the two brash statements quoted in the final paragraph of my original article. During that conversation I suggested that he would be a better boxer, if he would remember to protect his often-exposed chin. It was advice that he had heard before from Charlie Caserta. Little did we know that those two colorful quotations and that piece of stale advice would turn out to be tragically ironic prophecies.

Only three days later, Bobby Halpern visited the B & G clothing store in the Fordham section of the Bronx; his old stomping grounds where he is now a local legend. He decided to spend a small part of his purse from the Casale fight on a badly-needed new suit. While he was making his purchase, two unidentified white males entered the store, wielding a .38 caliber pistol and a twelve gauge shotgun. They opened fire on the unarmed Halpern at point-blank range.

In our conversation earlier that week, Bobby laughed at the idea of being afraid of a little thing like a punch delivered with a padded fist. He had been shot at before, and he knew the meaning of real fear. But a man with a gun is an opponent unlike any boxer. He is faster then Ali, more accurate then Sugar Ray Robinson, more powerful then George Forman, and meaner then Sonny Liston. You can't slip gunshots. You can't pick off bullets with your gloves.

A thunderous report was the opening bell of Bobby Halpern's toughest and perhaps his last fight. The .38 slugs hit him in the chest. They felt "like punches". The shotgun exploded at his head. And then a miracle happened. Bobby remembered to protect his chin when it counted the most. His left hand absorbed the blast. A large chunk of flesh was burned away. That injury will probably end his boxing career, but it saved his life. He was struck twelve times—in the groin, chest, buttocks, hand and legs. Fortunately none of his vital organs were damaged.

The doctors say that Bobby will survive *this* attack. The police can not say whether there will be another one. Rumos and theories abound, but no one, including Bobby Halpern, really knows why this senseless atrocity was perpetrated. I do know this much: since his release from prison, Bobby has been a law abiding citizen, devoted to boxing and to working with kids. His worst "offense" is that he is too nice a guy to shun his old crowd in the Bronx. He is perfect example of how boxing, more than any other sport, provides a last chance for the underpriveleged and the ex-con.

In spite of his recent loss to Guy Casale, things were looking up for Bobby Halpern. He boxed superbly against Oquendo. A televised rematch with "the Rock" was in the making. The Geritol people had approached him about doing a commercial. On June 14th he was scheduled to box an eight rounder against Dave Dittmar in Westchester. All of that is changed now.

Bobby insists that he will box again. Given what he has already accomplished on guts and will-power, he may just do it. Charlie Caserta is willing to help him try, if his doctors consent. I agree with Charlie's satement that, at best, Bobby has a "50-50 chance" of fighting again.

There is no players' union for professional boxers, no pension and no insurance. If Bobby doesn't return to the ring, he will have no other sure way to earn a living. Yesterday he was a celebrity, but tomorrow he may be just a middle-aged ex-con with no job, no money, a bum hand and big medical bills to pay off. It will be up to the boxing community—to the promoters, managers, fighters, reporters and the fans—to write a happy ending to the Bobby Halpern saga. One man who is already trying to do this is Westchester County Center promoter Lou Falcigno. Lou plans to organize a benifit fight card for Bobby that will hopefully involve some of the big names in boxing and many of the small ones. A few offers of help have already been made. John Condon of Madison Square Garden has promised to donate a percentage of the ticket sales from the June 22nd card. Ligth heavyweight contender Eddie Gregory will contribute $10,000. It will take many similar gestures to raise enough money to help Bobby. Money, talent, materials, and ideas are needed. If you wish to help, call Lou Falcigno at (212) 759-8760, or write him care of Momentum Enterprises, 45 E. 51st St., N.Y., N.Y.

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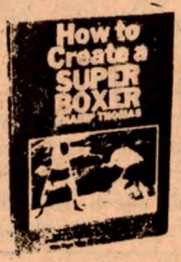

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(above) Lou Bogash poses with officials and former boxers at an amateur show in Bridgeport a few years ago. To Lou's left is his son, Lou, Jr., who followed his dad into refereeing ranks. (Right) Tommy Loughran makes award of plaque to Lou at a September, 1946 testimonial banquet for Bogash in Bridgeport. Sam Taub is second from the right.

LOU BOGASH— WHAT A FIGHTER!

By SAM COHEN

WHEN Lou Bogash Sr. of Bridgeport died this year at 77 after a long illness, facts and figures indicated that a onetime truly great boxer had passed on.

He belonged to another era. But today's fans should be informed about, and old-timers reminded of, his remarkable career.

He should have been the undisputed world middleweight champion. But for various reasons, he was denied his just due. Instead, he had to settle for "title recognition" with am emblematic belt as winner of an elimination tournament in 1923.

Although Lou's record was awe-inspiring, he was a modest man. As his only off-sping, Lou Jr., fittingly attests: "My Dad was never one to boast, although he was terribly proud. The only thing he would say about his career was: 'I fought the best in the world of my time.'

And indeed he did, as his record shows, both in listed results, which tell a bare tale of illustrious achievement, and "the inside story."

Even though he didn't make "world champion" in the truest sense, he belongs on the same plane of greatness as the five from Connecticut who did—featherweights Louis (Kid) Kaplan, Bat Battalino, and Willie Pep; light heavyweight Jack Delaney; and Lou Brouillard, who topped both the welterweight and middleweight divisions at different times.

It was on Jan. 9, 1923 that Bogash gained recognition as middleweight champ from New York, New England, and other states (a total of thirty-two with boxing commissions). It came when he stopped Charley Fitzsimmons in the eleventh of a New York twelve-rounder ending an elimination tourney to decide a successor to Johnny Wilson as middleweight ruler.

Prolonged inactivity on Wilson's part had led to the drastic action. But Wilson had apparently recouped by Aug. 31 of that year, when he defended the title against Harry Greb in a New York fifteen-rounder and lost it by decision.

Jack Britton was welterweight king when he fought to a disputed twelve-round draw with Bogash at Bridgeport on Aug. 23, 1920. Technically, Britton's title was supposed to be at stake. Newsmen covering

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Lou Bogash, as he looked when he was still an active boxer. Lou was truly one of the great middleweights.

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THE BRITISH ISLES

By RON OLVER

STRACEY RETURNS

THE MICHAEL SOBELL CENTRE, LONDON — An excited fan forced his way ringside and nearly knocked me off my press chair as he shouted "Well done, John! You're back, son, you're back!" And that was the general concensus of opinion after John H. Stracey, former world welter champ, 147, had stopped Frenchman Georges Warusfel, 149½, the referee intervening at the end of the ninth round with Warusfel cut in two places over the left eye.

It was John's first contest after fourteen months out of the ring, and he acquitted himself well.

As for the Frenchman, he was a mile behind on points, and had been handicapped since the second round with a swelling by the left eye. This was cut soon afterwards, and a further cut came in the ninth.

Under the circumstances, Warusfel put up a creditable performance, and provided just the sort of test Stracey needed in his first comeback fight.

In fact, when referee Sid Nathan decided to stop the contest the Frenchman protested most bitterly, and it was a pity that he wasn't able to do the honourable thing, and go the full distance, something which his immense pluck had earned him the right to do.

Nevertheless, the referee's action was a humane one, and Warusfel lost no prestige in being stopped in that manner.

Warusfel had been selected for this match because he had previously gone the distance with British light middle champ Jimmy Batten, and, indeed, had caused Batten quite a bit of trouble in the final round..

Stracey and Batten used to be stablemates under manager Terry Lawless, but the latter no longer manages John, who now looks after his own affairs. This makes a proposed fight between Stracey and Batten more than a possibility.

I must confess that I was pleasantly surprised at the ease with which Stracey dropped into his old rhythm. As was to be expected, his timing was a little off in the early rounds, but as the fight progressed John warmed to his work, and was jabbing and hooking with the same accuracy as when he was champ.

Warusfel dropped farther and farther behind, but never gave up and revealed some good punches, including a left uppercut that got through his opponent's guard on several occasions.

Referee Nathan inspected Warusfel's eye injury as early as the end of the fourth, and although the bout was allowed to continue, the Frenchman was finding the injury quite a problem, and was no longer the same force as hitherto.

However, Warusfel knows his way around a ring, and realising that he could no longer set up a continuous attack without fear of getting tagged on the injured optic, he fell back on defense and relied on counter-punches.

Stracey was anxious to stop his man now, and was made to miss at times. But he was still outpunching his man, and try as he may, Warusfel was fighting a losing battle. All he could do now was to complete the fight with honour, and this he would surely have done had it not been for a second eye injury in the ninth.

Full marks to both men for a fine scrap, and Stracey was overjoyed at his performance. "I felt completely relaxed," he said afterwards. "It was very gratifying to see how my fans rallied round me, and I plan to go on and earn their support. I'd like to meet Batten, and who knows—I could even get my old world title back.

"Now I'm off with my wife for a holiday at the seaside."

There weren't as many people as promoter Eddie Thomas would have liked at this show, but the enthusiasm engendered by Stracey's performance, and, indeed, at John Conteh's display at the first of the two Thomas promotions, could build up a regular clientele at this new venue.

In the chief support southpaw Clinton McKenzie, leading contender for the British light welter crown, outscored Chris Walker, Sheffied, over eight by 78-75.

Central Area champ Walker did well after being rocked with a left to the chin in the second, but McKenzie showed the better variety and more accurate punching.

Tony Zeni, Highgate, 133, easily outpointed Eric Wood, Doncaster, 134¼, over eight by 79-77. Zeni was anxious to fight, but Wood held a great deal, and was twice warned.

Debutant Vernon Penprase, Devonport, 128, outpointed Lee Graham, Finchley, 127, over six by 60-56. A good scrap to watch, a fine start by Penprase, and the scoreline did not really do justice to Graham's performance.

Young Nelson, Sunderland, 144, outscored Peter Snowshall, Burnt Oak, 140, over six by 59-58. Nelson clinched it with a storming finish.

Bob Hennessey, 198, stopped in one round in his previous bout, came back to winning form in outscoring George Scott, Newcastle, 212, over eight by 78-75.

Scott was decked in the final round.

▲Arden Sporting Club, Birmingham — Billy Waith, Cardiff, 149, comfortably putpointed Joey Mack, Birmingham, 149, over eight by 78-76.

Although the energetic Mack tried his best, he found it difficult to penetrate the elusive Waith, who is an excellent counterpuncher possessing a sound defence.

Waith hardly raised a sweat as he did just enough to keep ahead, occasionally releasing some hefty blows, as in the sixth, when a right-left pulled up Mack in his tracks.

Joey never gave up, but had to bow to Waith's greater experience.

Salvo Nuciforo, Falmouth, 156½, narrowly outscored Joe Oke, Ghana, 156, by 77-76 over eight, confirming a previous victory.

This was crowd-pleasing stuff, with punch-for-punch action in every round, and the fans threw in generous nobbins afterwards. Salvo was the heavier puncher, and some of his body blows must have hurt, but Oke started well and showed the greater accuracy in the early stages.

Steve (Tony) Fox, Wolverhampton, 159, beat Joe hannaford, Liverpool, 158½, the referee intervening in the fourth after Joe's left eye had been cut. This happened after he had been decked.

Dave Taylor, Liverpool, 140, beat Charlie Tonna, Crawley, 138¼, the bout being stopped after Tonna had been down twice.

▲Midlands Sporting Club, Solihull — Carlton Benoit, Hackney, 179, gained the best win of his career by outpointing former British light heavyweight champ Tim Wood, Leicester, 179½, over eight by 79-75.

Wood tried hard enough, and there were periods when he cracked home some hefty left hooks, especially in the fifth. But, in the main, Benoit was too busy for him.

It was Wood's fifth defeat in succession.

James Cooke, Coventry, 130, outpointed Eric Wood, Doncaster, 134, over eight by 79-77, and was generally in command. Boxers these days don't fight as often as they used to, but Wood was taking part in his eighteenth contest during the past nine months.

Steve Early, Coventry, 140, outpointed Paddy McAleese, Newmarket, 142, by 80-73 over eight, not losing a round. Early was much too good for his opponent, who was never in the hunt.

Bonny McKenzie, Cardiff, 171, beat Reg Long, Peterlee, 177, the bout being stopped in the seventh with Long taking punishment.

Trevor Cattouse, Balham, 171, outscored Joe Jackson, Coventry, 171, over eight. Not a scrap to enthuse over.

▲Great International Sporting Club, Nottingham — Howard Mills, Huddersfield, 165, beat Dave Owens, Castleford, 160, who signified his retirement in the fourth round after being down.

It was Owens' first defeat in his thirteenth bout.

Mills proved he can punch hard, and caught his man with some telling blows after a slow start. Even so, Owens was still in the fight, and his retirement was a bit of a surprise.

Eric Purkis, Battersea, 142, narrowly outscored Martin Bridge, Bradford, 142, by 77-76 over eight. This confirmed a previous win.

Martin McEwan, Birmingham, 162, gained a well-merited points win over Dave Merrell, Leeds, 163, over six by 59-57.

Ron Green, Stoke, 174, had it easy in outpointing Theo Josephs, Huddersfield, 177, by 60-55 over six, not losing a round.

▲Plaza Ballroom, Glasgow — Charlie Malarky, Glasgow, 150, outpointed Billy Lauder, Bonnyrig, 153¾, over ten by 97-96. Malarky now gets a shot at the Scottish light middleweight title.

Lauder impressed in the early stages, but Malarky improved as the fight progressed. There was plenty of action, and the final round was a humdinger.

Little between them at any time, and some thought a drawn verdict would have been just.

Willie Booth, Airdrie, 134, gained a surprise win over Tommy Dunn, Reading, 136¾, in the fifth round.

Ahead on points, Dunn ran into a long left, and was floored. As he went down his head hit the canvas, and he was still dazed when he rose at nine.

Booth swarmed into the attack, and with Dunn covering up, the referee intervened, much to the annoyance of Dunn, who protested that he was able to continue.

George Peacock, 141, outscored Norman Morton, Newcastle, 140, by 59-57 over six. Peacock had been inactive for some months.

In a battle of debutants, Alan Burrows, Cardiff, 136¾, outpointed Liam Linnen, Coatbridge, 136, over six. Linne was decked in the first.

▲Anglo-American Sporting Club, Manchester — It would be difficult to find two more evenly matched boxers than Jimmy Pickard, Pudsey, 160½, and Eddie Smith, Manchester, 165½.

They have now met four times, and in their latest encounter Pickard won on points over eight by 78-76. This makes the score 2-1 to Pickard, with one draw.

Whether they will meet again is not clear, but one reason they may not is because Smith was two andone-half pounds overweight on this occasion, and had to pay forfeit.

It was Smith who took the eye in the first few rounds, showing a good left lead, but after the halfway stage Pickard started to come forward and in the end was good value for his win.

Inactive for nearly a year and a half, Kevin Quinn, Manchester, 138, came back to outpoint Adey Allen, Leicester, 137, over six by 60-58, not losing a round.

Adey was down in the second, but rallied well.

Tony Hague, Leicester, 145, drew with Billy Nixon, Bradford, 149, over six.

Richard Kenyon, Halifax, 162, beat John Parr, Grimsby, 163, the bout being stopped in the third. Parr was down in the opening round.

▲Crusaders Social Club, Belfast — Davy Larmour, Belfast, 121, beat substitute Alan Oag, Edinburgh, 125½, who was disqualified in the second round for "hitting on the break," an offence for which he received three warnings.

Oak looked in front at this early stage, and it was a disappointing ending for both boxers.

Jimmy Brown, Liverpool, 135, outscored ("overwhelmed" would be a better word) Ray Heaney, Lurgan, by 80-72 over eight, winning every round. Brown boxed superbly, and Heaney found that courage alone wasn't enough.

Benney Purdy, Belfast, 131, beat Selvin Bell, Manchester, 134, the referee intervening in the sixth. Selvin was down in round five.

▲Anglo-American Sporting Club, London — Victor Attivor, Clapham, 180, came in as a substitute and defeated Karl Canwell, Stoke Newington, 175½, who was disqualified for misuse of the head, after two previous warnings.

After a slow start, Attivor warmed to his task, and must have been in front when the end came. It was the reverse for Canwell, who looked impressive in the early stages, then tired rapidly.

Referee Harry Gibbs was giving Canwell quite a telling-off for the butt in the sixth, when it was noticed that the butt had caused a cut over the left eye, which looked severe (and afterwards needed six stitches).

The official immediately disqualified Canwell.

In a fine contest, Robbie Robinson, Highgate, 134½, outpointed Barry Price, Crawley, 134½, by 78-76 over eight.

The pace was a fast one, most rounds were close, and there was one incident in the sixth, when Price claimed he had been hit low, and went to the canvas.

Referee Freddie Knowles thought otherwise, instructing the timekeeper not to count, then helping Price to his feet.

Mark Cumber, Holloway, 174, kayoed Stan Thompson, Crawley, 174, in the opening round with a cracking right to the chin. When they met previously, Cumber won on points.

Lee Graham, Finchley, 127, stopped Tony Whitmore, 128, the bout being stopped in round three after the latter complained of blurred vision. Nothing in it at that stage.

Debutant Billy O'Grady, Deptford, 136¼, outscored Peter Snowshell, Burnt Oak, 140, over six by 59-56.

▲Yorkshire Executive Sporting Club, Bradford — In only his fourth pro bout, Paul Sykes, Wakefield, 218, beat Jamaican Neville Meade, swansea, 221, the bout being stopped in the fifth when Meade had stopped fighting back.

It was a contest of fluctuating fortunes. A right to the jaw decked Sykes in the third, but it was Paul's own right that had Meade shaky in the following round.

Sykes followed up, and Meade took a lot of punishment without going down. However, the Jamaican was again in trouble in the fifth, when the bout was stopped.

Sykes now now go to the United States for a few fights. New York matchmaker George Kanter, representing promoter Don King, was at the ringside.

Richard Kenyon, 162, outpointed Dave Merrell, Leeds, 163, over six by 59-57. The latter was cut below the right eye, and Kenyon forged ahead after the half-way mark.

Billy Nixon, Bradford, 153, outscored Mohammad Akram, Leeds, 154, by 60-56 over six, not losing a round.

A narrow points win for Joey Saunders, Nottingham, 153½, who outscored Alan Worthington, Liverpool, 151, over six by 58-57. Debutant Worthington started well, revealing a good left jab, but tired in the later stages, and Saunders was good value.

▲National Sporting Club, London — Dave Smith, Eltham, 122, outpointed Ian Murray, Manchester, 123½, over eight by 79-74. But the scoreline doesn't really indicate what a good scrap this turned out to be.

The patrons loved it, and contributed generous nobbins.

Murray was decked briefly in the opening round, when Smith was impressive with his skills, but Ian came back well to shake his man with a right to the chin in the third.

Smith then got in front with accurate body punches, but Murray was always trying to make a fight of it.

Seri Collins, Merthyr, 137, outpointed Dai Davies, Swansea, 141, over six by the narrowest margin of 58-57. Collins overcame the handicap of a cut by the right eye, sustained in the third.

▲St. Andrews Sporting Club, Glasgow — Alan Buchanan, Edinburgh, 128, outpointed Jeff Pritchard, Merthyr, 129, over eight by 79-76. A clear enough victory on paper, although some thought Alan should have stopped his man, especially after decking him twice.

Be that as it may, Alan won clearly, and considering this was still an early stage in his comeback campaign, he should not be criticized too much.

Pritchard proved a difficult opponent to pin down, but Alan caught up with him in the seventh, knocking him down on two occasions. But full marks to Pritchard for going the full distance.

George Peacock, Greenock, 142, narrowly outscored Cookie Rooms, Streatham, 143, over eight by 79-78. Little between these two at any time. They even fell out of the ring together in the seventh.

Bob Young, Croydon, 187, beat Paul Kinsella, Liverpool, 192, the bout being stopped in the third with Kinsella taking punishment after being down.

Kinsella's retirement from the ring was afterwards announced.

Shaun Dirkin, Bradford, 136, outpointed Liam Linnen, Coatbridge, 138, over six by 59-57.

▲Civic Hall, Aylesbury — British welter champ Henry Rhiney gained a clear eight-rounds points win over Mickey Morse, Burnt Oak, scoreline 77-75.

Rhiney certainly didn't have it easy, however, and enthusiastic fans tossed in generous nobbins afterwards. It was the third time that Morse has topped the bill at this venue, and on each occasion he has earned a share of the nobbins, proof indeed of his popularity.

Morse's style is quite straightforward. He comes forward at the opening bell, and doesn't stop until the final gong. In this bout Rhiney used his experience and skill to nullify several of his opponent's assaults, but Morse never gave up, and it was a pity Mickey was handicapped from the sixth with a closed left eye.

Rhiney was the more accurate puncher, and this eventually paid off with an exciting final round, neither man wanting to stop punching, but Rhiney coming off best.

Both were inside the stipulated poundage of 151.

Kendrick Edwards, from the same stable as Rhiney, beat Pat Singer, Bournemouth, 148¼, the referee intervening in the fourth after Singer had been down twice.

George Metcalf, Liverpool, 131½, defeated Gary Collins, Tottenham, 137, on points by 59-56 over six.

John Cooper, Mitcham, 127, outscored Steve Henderson, Aylesbury, 129, over six by 59-58. A good scrap.

▲Liverpool Stadium — Robbie Davies, Birkenhead, 156, kayoed Scorttish champion John Smith, Glasgow, 155, with a right cross at the end of the opening round.

The count had reached eight when the bell ended the round, but under the rules it continued, and Smith was counted out. In fact it was a couple of minutes before he had recovered sufficiently to be helped to his corner.

Another fine punching performance by Davies, who has stopped six of his seven opponents, and would obviously be a danger to any light middleweight in the division.

Francis Hands, Liverpool, 176, easily outpointed Vernon Scott, Willesden, 173, over eight by 80-73 over eight, not losing a round.

Hands gave a fine diaplay and although Scott tried his best he could make little impression on his southpaw opponent.

Always first to the punch, Hands had an especially good sixth round, and kept on top until the close.

Brian Snagg, Liverpool, 135¾, outpointed Eric Wood, Doncaster, 137, over eight, but a clash in styles brought censures for holding as Snagg struggled to shake himself free. The latter showed the more positive approach, and deserved the verdict.

Stan Atherton, Liverpool, 139½, outscored Dave Taylor, Bootle, 141½, over six by 60-56. Atherton didn't lose a round, but it was quite a scrap, punch for punch must of the time, and nobbins thrown in afterwards.

Nobbins also for Jimmy Roberts, Bootle, 148, had drawn with Steve Goodwin, Bootle, 152, over six. It looked as if Goodwin was ready to be taken in the fourth, but he fought back and a right hand put Roberts through the ropes.

Jimmy Brown, Bootle, 128, beat John Singlewood, Alfreton, 128, the bout being stopped in the third after the latter had been down and indicated that he had hurt his ankle.

▲World Sporting Club, London — Tommy Kiely, Brighton, 203, beat Danny McAlinden, Newry, former British heavyweight champion, 198, the bout being stopped in the sixth round after Mac had been decked twice and had hurt his shoulder and back in falling.

Danny Boy has made more comebacks than I've had hot dinners, and this must surely be the end. There seems little point and indeed little incentive for him to continue. Indeed, his manger Jack Solomons was quoted as saying that he would not permit the former champ to carry on if he lost.

After supplying the details of the ending, it must be said, in fairness to Danny, that he had the fight in his grasp in round three, when he floored Kiely three times.

After Kiely had got up for the third time, looking groggy, it looked for a moment as if referee Mark Hart had stopped the fight in Danny's favour. Danny was actually doing a little dance of victory, only to be told to "box on."

Kiely held on grimly, and in trying to land a finisher, Danny fell through the ropes, and had to climb back as the count proceeded.

He had injured his right shoulder in falling on to the press table, and from then on he was fighting with only his left hand.

It was a lost cause, and it was made worse when Danny injured his back after being floored in the sixth. When he went down again the referee intervened, and it was a sad spectacle as the former champ made his way from the ring, probably for the last time.

Everything seems to happy to Danny. In the very first round he split his trunks, and although another pair were brought from the dressing room at the end of the third room, his chief second Eddie Thomas didn't bother to get Danny to change them.

Maybe Danny wasn't the greatest heavyweight champ in British fistic history, but he was Irish, colourful, and quite a character.

Bonny McKenzie, Cardiff, 170, beat Chris Lawson, Cardigan, 169, on points over eight. Scoreline 80-73, not losing a round. McKenzie put on the pressure throughout, and his rights to the head were particularly dangerous.

Horace (brother of Bonny) McKenzie, outscored Roy commosioung, Luton, 153½, by 79-78, over eight. A close one, most rounds being level, and a good performance by Horace, who came in as a substitute.

Billy O'Grady, Deptford, 136, outpointed Shaun Dirkin, Bradford, 133, over six by 60-55, not losing a round. Dirkin was decked in the second.

Brendan Devine, Chatteris, 149½, drew with Tommy Thomas, Tottenham, 146½, over four. A good scrap between two debutants. Devine is a protege of Eric Boon, former lightweight champ, who is still regarded by many as being the most devastating British puncher of all-time at that poundage.

▲De Montfort Hall, Leicester — Lotte Mwale, Zambia, 167½, brought to an end the winning run of top middleweight prospect Tony Sibson, Leicester, 164, dramatically knocking him out in the opening round of their scheduled ten.

A long right did the trick. Sibson took it on the chin, and took no further interest in the proceedings. The fans were stunned. So was Tony.

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COMMONWEALTH RATINGS

(AS OF JUNE 18, 1978)

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Billy Aird (E)
2. John L. Gardner (E)
3. George Chuvalo (C)
4. Les Stevens (E)
5. Denton Ruddock (J)
6. Paul Sykes (E)
7. Neville Meade (J)
8. Ishaq Hussien (Dominica)
9. Tony Moore (J)
10. Fonomanu Sekona (T)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Gary Summerhays (C)
1. John Conteh (E)
2. Mustapha Wasaja (U)
3. Tony Mundine (A)
4. Bunny Johnson (J)
5. Wendell Joseph (Tr)
6. Victor Attivor (G)
7. Ernie Barr (Bah)
8. Lotte Mwale (Zam)
9. Billy Knight (S. Kitts)
10. Rab. Affleck (S)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Ayub Kalule (U)
1. Alan Minter (E)
2. Kevin Finnegan (E)
3. Ayub Kalule (U)
4. Frankie Lucas (St. Vincent)
5. Monty Betham (NZ)
6. Fernand Marcotte (C)
7. Bunny Sterling (J)
8. Jean-Claud Leclair (C)
9. Scorpion Ofosu (G)
10. Tony Sibson (E)

LIGHT MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Maurice Hope (Ant.)
1. Rocky Mattioli (A)
2. Elisha Obed (Bah)
3. Jimmy Batten (E)
4. Wally Carr (A)
5. Tony Poole (E)
6. Jim Gillon (A)
7. Larry Paul (E)
8. Pat Thomas (St. Kitts)
9. Dave Proud (E)
10. Torkanu Marcus (A)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Clyde Gray (C)
1. Dave Green (E)
2. John H. Stracey (E)
3. Sakari Ve (Fiji)
4. Eddie Marcelle (Tr)
5. Ali Afakasi (NZ)
6. Vernon Lewis (Guy.)
7. Henry Rhiney (J)
8. Neil Pattel (A)
9. Billy Waith (W)
10. Kevin White (E)

LIGHT WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Lachie Austin (Aus)
1. Colin Powers (E)
2. Jeff Malcolm (A)
3. Barry Michael (A)
4. Clinton McKenzie (J)
5. Al Ford (C)
6. Des Morrison (J)
7. Frank Ropis (A)
8. Andy Broome (A)
9. Josef Nsubuga (U)
10. Joey Singleton (E)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Len Blackmore (Guy.)
1. Jim Watt (S)
2. Charlie Nash (I)
3. Claude Noel (Tr)
4. Jonathan Dele (N)
5. Johnny Claydon (E)
6. Billy Mulholland (A)
7. Fitzroy Giuseppe (Belize)
8. Cornelius Boza-Edwards (U)
9. Gaeton Hart (C)
10. Ray Cattouse (E)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Eddie Ndukwu (N)
1. David Kotey (G)
2. Dave Needham (E)
3. Brian Roberts (A)
4. Alan Richardson (E)
5. Les Pickett (W)
6. Brian Schofield (A)
7. Jimmy Flint (E)
8. Paddy Graham (I)
9. Guinea Hillier (A)
10. Gerry Duffy (S)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Sulley Shittu (G)
1. Paul Ferreri (A)
2. Johnny Owen (W)
3. Wayne Evans (W)
4. Gary Davidson (E)
5. John Feeney (E)
6. David Austin (A)
7. Roger Richens (A)
8. Wally Angliss (E)
9. Pedro Solo (A)
10. George Sutton (W)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Patrick Mambwe (Zam.)
1. Charlie Magri (E)
2. Steve Bell (A)
3. Glen Walsh (A)
4. Dave Smith (E)
5. Charlie Brown (A)
6. Neil McLaughlin (I)
7. John Hipwell (A)
8. Gary Bice (A)
9. Sharkey Hughes (A)

JOHN ABA (Papua) is the Junior lightweight champion. Official contenders are BILLY MOELLER (A) and KAYINOLA ARMAH (N).

WORLD-WIDE FIGHT RESULTS

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Wendell Bailey beat Johnny Warr, 6
Victor Rodriguez beat Christino Zaragoza, 4
Larry Holmes whipped Ken Norton, 15
(WBC Heavyweight Title)
Ossie Ocasio beat Jimmy Young, 10
Ron Lyle stopped Horace Robinson, 8
Alfredo Evangelsista stopped Billy Joiner, 1, then beat Jody Ballard, 10
Gerrie Coetzee beat Randy Stephens, 10
Dino Dennis beat C.J. Brown, 10
Affio Righetti beat Joe Ghoston, 10
Henry Ray stopped Cardell Morris, 5
Carl Ivy beat Frankie Evans, 10

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Dwight Braxton beat Lou Benson, 6
Eddie Gonzalez halted Bruce Kaposta, 1
Victor Galindez beat Alvaro Lopez, 15
(WBA Light Heavyweight Title)
Mate Parlove beat John Conteh, 15
(WBC Light Heavyweight)
Mike Rossman stopped Lonnie Bennett, 2
Eddie Gregory stopped Ray Elson, 2, then stopped Ed Turner, 4
Mustapha Wassaja whipped Jissie Burnett, 10
Pascual Ramirez and Charles Terrell, drew, 6

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Keith Broom beat Wilbert Crews, 6
Bobby Watts whipped Johnny Heard, 10
Miguel Garcia and Adolfo Rivas, drew, 4
Loucif Hamani beat Dave Love, 10
Tom Chiaverini stopped King George Aidoo, 10
Egar Wallace halted John Giroski, 5
Marvin Hagler knocked out Kevin Finnegan, 7
Marcos Geraldo stopped Petrolero Macias, 5
George Cooper beat Rudy Cruz, 10

JR. MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Ayub Kalule stopped Al Korovou, 14
(Commonwealth Middleweight Title)
Frank Wissenbach whipped Tyrone Phelps, 10
Edgar Ross stopped Mickey Banks, 9
Eckard Dagge beat Larry Davis, 10
Meigin Dennis stopped Daryl Brumley, 11

WELTERWEIGHTS
Ray Leonard beat Rafael Rodriguez, 10
Raul Aguirre stopped Mauel Torres, 2
Jose Cuevas kayoed Billy Backus, 1
(WBA Welterweight Title)
Pete Ranzany beat Rafael Rodriguez, 10
Randy Shields beat Babs McCarthy, 10
Harold Weston beat Jose Palacios, 10
Clyde Gray halted Ray Chavez, 5
(Commonwealth and Canadian Welterweight Title)
Carlos Palomino whipped Armando Muniz, 15
(World Welterweight Title)
Eddie Marcello halted Jo Kimpuani, 5

JR. WELTERWEIGHTS
Jimmy Heair stopped Cyde Spencer, 3
Joe Kimpuani stopped Eddie Marcelle, 5
Tom Pinner stopped Baby Ray Barrett,1

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Samuel Ayala stopped Juan Ramirez, 1
Armando Coronado whipped Terry Strapnel, 6
Maurice Watkins stopped Joe Medrano, 7
Andrew Ganigan stopped Carlos Becerril, 2
Esteban DeJesus halted Joe Baez, 3
Claude Noel stopped Franke Moultrie, 2
Bobby Vascocu beat Shannon Williams, 10
Jaime Nava beat Jose Ozuana, 8
Herman Montes Leoncio Mez, 10
Pedro Osuan was kayoed by Irleis Perez, 1

JR. LIGHTWEIGHTS
Alexis Arguello halted Diego Alcala,
Alfredo Escalera beat Rogelio Castaneda, 10
(U.S. Jr. Lightweight Title)
Frankie Blaltizar stopped Jose Solano, 1
Bobby Chacon halted Ignacio Campos, 7
Natilio Vezzoli and Charles Jurietti, D10

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Hong Soo Hwan stopped Ricardo Cardona, 12
(WBC Jr. Featherweight Title)
Sean O'Grady stopped Shig Fukayama, 5
Hector Carrasquilla halted Claude Durden, 3
Leonel Valencia stopped Roberto Cervantes, 3

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Jose Luis Garcia whipped Calvin Sheppard, 8
Adelaido Galindo beat Sergio Reyes, 10
Carlos Zarate halted Emilio Hernandez, 4, then stopped Sakad Portavee, 3
(WBC Bantamweight Title)
Alberto Davila stopped Ramon Aguinaga, 4

FLYWEIGHTS
Franco Udella halted Mariano Garcia, 6

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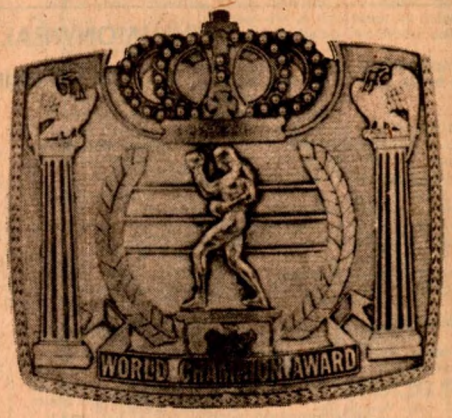

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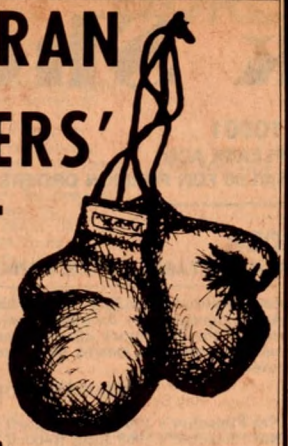

By Harry Warren

FORMER world middleweight champion TERRY DOWNS, visiting the United States, was snowbound and was unable to return to London, England to attend the British Boxing Writer's Club as a guest at their annual dinner which was held at the swank Quaglinos Club. . . . GUS DORAZIO has memories. In Philadelphia on February 17th 1941, he fought the great JOE LOUIS, but, of course, failed to take the title from the Brown Bomber. Now semi-retired, GUS sits and dreams what might have been. Commisserate with him. He can be located at the Ticket Grille, 1320 Wharton Street, South Philadelphia, Pa. It's not the Convention Hall, where he might have become an international figure, but the TICKET GRILLE is a well patronized bar with an international flavor. . . .It would be a nice gesture on the part of veteran boxers everywhere to write a letter to former world lightweight champion SAMMY ANGOTT. SAM is confined to the house with chronic arthritis. Honored in nine Boxing Hall of Fame groups, contact at 5251 - 13th Street S.W., Canton, Ohio, 44-710. . . .Former welterweight contender, GABE TERRONEZ is now an Inspector with the California Athletic Commission. A good man in the right job. . . .ALVIN T. FULLER, the late Massachusetts Governor had a sports-minded son. His name PETER. As an amateur boxer in 1946, while attending Harvard University, PETER engaged in 55-bouts-winning 51. Remember when this socialite, sportsman, millionaire, and owner of a racing stable which included the Kentucky Derby winner for one-day, "Dancers Image." The horse was disqualified for having been the recipient of a pain-killing drug called Phenylbutazone. PETER, now 54, is one of boxing's big boosters and had an exhibition with MUHAMMAD ALI in aid of charity, in 1977, and showed remarkable agility, dexterity and speed for his age and carrying 190 pounds. FULLER, is the owner of the largest Cadillac-Olds automobile agency in Bosotn, Mass. . . . .Veteran boxers in the Cleveland area of Ohio should drop into the Old Angle Gymnasium, located at the West Side Community House, 3000 Bridge Avenue. The operator is former heavyweight contender JIMMY BIVINS who with his partner GARY HORVATH, are doing their best to keep boxing alive. . . .One of the most humane and charitable fistic luminaries this writer knows is the handsome SOLLY SEEMAN. Regarded by all the sports and boxing writers as one of the greatest lightweights. A fast, extremely clever boxer and hard puncher. As an amateur, SOLLY won City, State and National titles, and capped this by being offered a berth on the 1920 Olympic Team. Due to the economic situation of his family, he had to decline. As a professional SOLLY soundly tranced SAMMY MANDELL, to make the Rockford, Illinois, fighter more embarrassed, he was beaten on his own doorstep. C. FRANKLIN SMITH, one of Chicago's best known boxing writer's said it best: "SOLLY SEEMAN came, he saw, and he conquered." He accomplished what other famed boxers had failed to do, whip the great MANDELL, and JACK BERNSTEIN, SID TERRIS, JOHNNY DUNDEE, EDDIE "KID" WAGNER, EDDIE ANDERSON, and ARCHIE WALKER had failed to win against MANDELL. In 1922, SOLLY won thirty contests and as Pacific Coast lightweight champion was top contender. Against JIMMY GOODRICH, Solly won a unanimous verdict. It's well known, over the years SOLLY was fighting, he failed to get to the title. He even challenged ROCKY KANSAS to a $5,000 winner-take-all side stake. In 1939, SOLLY was appointed Athletic Director for the World's Fair in New York. A very likeable person, SOLLY has been the recipient of many awards and with his lovely wife, ROSE, the sprightly couple travel extensively. SOLLY is the president and Chief Executive Officer of The Commercial Machinery Corporation, 141-68-85th Road, Jamaica, Long Island, N.Y. 11435. . . .

LOU SALICA, the former two-time bantam champion of the world, is one of 14 children. The eldest is seventy three, the youngest is fifty three. Lou has just retired and given his Fish Market at 104 South Street, New York City, to his son-in-law JOSEPH PERENTE. One of LOU's brothers, Doctor MIKE SALICA, is a specialist-surgeon at St. Clares Hospital, 415 West 51st, in Manhattan. LOU is proud of his son LOUIS, 23, who received a scholarship to college in New Hampshire and is on the college hockey team. Another son, John, 37, is associated with a law printing firm on Wall Street, while daughter Janet, 40, is happy to be a homemaker. LOU and his wife GRACE are proud grandparents of four. Contact the ex-champion at 1967 East 32nd Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11234. . . .From 1929 to 1937, RAY KOZAK was a leading welterweight. Some of his opponents were LOU SORRENTINO, PATSY KELLY, SOLLY KING, TONY SANTANGELO, JIMMY GALASSO, LENNY GULATTO and HERMAN BLAIR. During a stint in the Army in World War 2, he became a wrestler with the U.S.O. Participating in more than 80-bouts entertaining the serviceman in the South Pacific. He also referee'd boxing shows and on receiving an honorable discharge, returned to New York and became a coach with the Police Atletic League. For over thirty years, RAY has been a member of the New York State Athletic Commission as a judge and referee. A staunch member of VBA, Ring 8, of which he is a member of the Board of Directors and is a vice-president. Ray's been a resident all of his life in Brooklyn, living at 105 Havermeyer Street, N.Y. 11211. . . . JOEY SANGER former featherweight contender a few years ago, has been re-elected to the Chairmanship of the Wisconsin State Athletic Commission. . . . Another Commissioner for Boxing in the Massachusetts State Boxing Commission, is JOSEPH C. WRIGHT of Arlington. WRIGHT has been associated with the Arlington Boys' Club youth program and is also involved with the Amateur Athletic Union. . . . JOHNNY CESARIO, a former favorite welterweight of Hartford, Connecticut is still keeping on good terms with the public. He is the concession manager of the Hartford Civic Auditorium—and doing extremely well for himself. . . . Former bantamweight champion of the world GEORGE PACE resides at 1021 East Washington, Phoenix, Arizona 85034. . . . FRANKIE GARCIA, resides at 28871 Snead, Sun City, California 92381. . . . Corporal IZZY SCHWARTZ, resides at 2137 Wallace Ave., Bronx, N.Y. 10462. . . . BILL SHERMAN, who broadcast many fights around the tri-states, especially in the New Jersey arena's such as the Old Laurel Garden, Meadowbrook Bowl, MARIO CENTI, CHARLIE FUSARI, FREDDY ARCHER, TONY GALENTO, JERSEY JOE WALCOTT, TIPPY LARKIN, are some of the fistic greats who were "sounded off" by BILL. He resides at 56 Park Avenue, Natick, Massachusetts 01760. Drop a line. . . . JOE CURTIS, former great feather-lightweight, originally from New York, remember his bout with PATSY SPATARO? Now residing in Las Vegas, Nevada, JOE is the president of VBA, Ring 711. Contact at his office, Curtis Construction Company, 2765 South Highland Avenue, Suite 113, Las Vegas, Nevada 89102. . . .

CHARLIE WEPNER, a former tough heavyweight and now public relations officer for VBA, Ring 14, of Jersey City, is the father of CHUCK WEPNER, leading heavyweight, who fought MUHAMMAD ALI for the title in Las Vegas. Mr. WEPNER, Sr., is residing at 120 West 28 Street, Bayonne, New Jersey 02002. . . . My old friend ED WEINER, a profilic writer, he wrote the best sellers, DAMON RUNYAN STORY and WALTER WINCHELL STORY. Formerly with VBA, Ring 8, he was a most efficient Recording Secretary and was also the Public Relations Director for the Statler Hilton Hotel, opposite the New Madison Square Garden.

GOMEZ STOPS PORNTAVEE

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the second round. Gomez, a mustached youngster, came in for this stanza very willingly. His relentless and ruthless rally, a triple smashing left followed by a short right uppercut that all caught the face, sent Sakad on the canvas. The Thai prospect bounced back immediately to continue fighting. There was no count by the third man, Solis, however, Sakad's trip to the deck made Gomez more and more aggressive. He followed it up harshly. In the fatal third session, Wilfredo displayed superior speed and numerous blows in combination. The Puerto Rican champ, swarming like a tiger, ahd Sakad staggering to the corner.

Unmercilessly, Gomez attacked the groggy opponent with vicious lefts and rights, nailing him there. As Sakad was hurt so much as to be unable to respond to the champ's furious barrage of punches, the Mexican ref stopped the slaughter going on to raise Wilfredo's hand.

Sakad had been expected to become the third current Thai titlist besides junior welterweight Saensak Muangsurin and junior flyweight Netrnoi Vorasing after his wins Mexican Juan Antonio Lopez and from Japanese Hisao Mizuno. But Wilfredo who had easily sunk Raul Tirado in five, Royal Kobayashi in three, and Antonio Lopez in seven rounds proved too strong and sharp for the less experienced Thailander.

The fine victor, Gomez, said cooly, "It was as I predicted, a victory by knockout. I did not expect any other result."

Admiring the Puerto Rican puncher, the good loser Sakad said, "Gomez was very fast. I could see his punches, but had no time to avoid them."

Emil Chade was an eloquent manager of Gomez. "We had two ambitions for 1978. To see the Panama Canal agreement signed, and to whip world bantamweight champ Carlos Zarate of Mexico. The first has been done. The second will be accomplished soon."

Prior to the title contest, the bleachers, each full of 4,000 fans, collapsed twice at different spots to see hundreds of men and women rushed to local hospitals.

The tragedy counted an estimated three hundred people injured.

It accidentally happened due to the overflowing crowd there, but chiefly due to the bad construction of the wooden stands.

The southern and northern bleachers crumbled at 5 p.m. and 8:30 p.m., respectively. The second collapse caused an electrical blackout at the outdoor stadium to delay the main event for twenty minutes.

Despite the mournful accident as well as Sakad's unexpectedly quick defeat, Thailand showed its growing promotional power by presenting three world title bouts, foreign champions vs. local challengers, in only thirty-five days.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST BOXING NEWS

By RUGGLES LARSON

EVERETT, WASHINGTON — Ibar Arrington, 194, scored a seventh round technical knockout over George Jerome, 234, Vancouver, B.C. Ibar won every round of the scheduled ten-round main event at Everett Community College Gymnasium.

Al Neuman, 196, won by a first round disqualification over Scotty Welsh, 191, Vancouver, B.C. Mark Junior, 162, Seattle, kayoed Ted Turner, 157, Vancouver, B.C., in the first round. C.J. Brown, Springfield, Oregon, registered a fifth round TKO over Art Sinclair, 156, Everett.

503 fans paid $5600 to see the Joe Toro Jr. promotion.

▲SEATTLE, WASHINGTON — Tommy Howard, 161, Seattle, upset Willie Warren, 160, Corpus Christie, Texas, in the ten-round main event at Seattle Coliseum. Howard looked very impressive by scoring repeatedly with a snapping left jab and a quick right hand to earn a unanimous decision.

Willie Baldwin, 161, Seattle, scored a close, but unanimous decision win over Larry Smith, 156, Tacoma, Wa. In another scheduled eight-rounder, Bobby Howard, 164, Seattle, stopped Eugene White, 156, Tacoma, Wa. in the seventh round via an eye laceration. Dale Grant boxed a six-round exhibition with his half brother, "Sugar" Ray Seales.

The Joe Williams Global Promotion drew approximately two thousand fans.

▲BUTTE, MONTANA — Marvin Camel, 173, Missoula, Montana, scored a unanimous ten-round decision win over Pete McIntyre, Los Angeles. Camel floored McIntyre in the fifth round for the bout's only knockdown.

Kenny Camel, 162, Missoula, won a unanimous eight round decision over Larry Smith, 156, Tacoma. D.J. Jones Coeur D'Alene, Ida upset Ken arlt of Beaverton, Oregon in a six round contest. Doug Arlt, 174, Beaverton, stopped Richard Hansen, 173, Harlowton, Mont. in the fourth round.

Promoter Pete Jovanovich's card drew 1,821 fans.

▲ANCHORAGE, ALASKA — Howard Jackson, 146, Los Angeles, decisioned Anthony Daniels, Anchorage, in a twelve-round bout billed as the Alaskan Welterweight Championship match.

Franco Thomas, 194, stopped Vic Van Fleet, Anchorage in the sixth round. Travis Pickering, Palmer, Ala. decisioned J.J. Johnson, 199, Anchorage, in six rounds. Mark Junior, 163, Seattle, scored a six round split decision win over Johnnie Johnson of Washington, D.C.

A crowd of 826 paid $12,300 for promoter Tom Gravely's card.

VANCOUVER AND VICINITY

By JIM JOHNSTON

BELLINGHAM, WASH. — Joe "King" Roman of Puerto Rico and Seattle was awarded a controversial split decision over Vancouver's George Jerome in an eight round heavyweight bout. Jerome scaled 228 to 195 for Roman. One judge and the referee awarded the bout to Roman 37-36 while one judge had it even 37-37. Jerome was penalized one point in the fifth for roughing.

The fight was a pier six brawl all the way and had the crowd standing most of the bout. Jerome's strategy was to crowd the lighter Roman to the ropes and pound him with left hooks and short rights.

Seattle heavyweight Ibar Arrington continued his winning ways when he halted game Frankie Bullard of Toronto in the fourth round after five knockdowns. Arrington outweighed Bullard 195 to 180.

Willie Balwin, 162, Seattle, was awarded a seventh round knockout over Vancouver's Steve Tohill, 156, on cuts. Up to then it was an even fight. In the opener, Dale Grant of Seattle and Sugar Ray Seales of Tacoma staged a spirited four-round exhibition.

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By JACK A. TREE

UDELLA STOPS GARCIA

CAGLIARI, ITALY — Franco Udella, Italy, making his seventh defense retained his European flyweight title, TKO'ing Mariano Garcia, seven. The Spaniard took two standing counts in the opening round. Udella, who hopes to get a shot at WBC champion Miguel Canto's crown, fought Betulio Gonzalez for the title in 1974, but lost. The following year, he became the first junior flyweight champion of the world, beating Valentin Martinez, and reigned until losing to Luis Lumumba Estaba in 1976. Udella won the European flyweight crown in 1976 when he outscored Fritz Chervet of Switzerland, and in the same year he made a defense against Franco Sperati. During 1977, Udella staked his crown against Juan Cantero, Nesim Zebelini, and Emilio Pireddu.

At Copenhagen, Ugandan southpaw Ayub Kalule, based in Denmar, won the Commonwealth middleweight crown, hlating champion Alipate Korovou (32), Fiji, in the fourteenth before a crowd of 5,000. Danish reporter Finn Gommesen told me Kalule looked as if he could have gone another fourteen frames. As always, it was no more than a sparring session for the incredible Ugandan. British referee Wally Thom stopped the fight in the fourteenth at a stage when one had to be in a generous mood to book a round to the champion. Korovou's manager, 73-year-old Ernie McQuillan, who has trained almost five dozen Australian champions, said Kalule was one of the best boxers he had seen. It was the first Commonwealth title fight to be decided outside the Commonwealth. Kalule is now undefeated in twenty-one fights and his next opponent will be WBA champion Eddie Gazo, in September in Copenhagen. At light heavyweight, Mustapha Wasajja, Uganda, and, like Kalule, based with the Danes, outscored American Jesse Burnett (32) over ten rounds. At junior welter, Dane Hans Henrik Palm looked like a million dollars giving former WBC junior lightweight champion, Mexican Ricardo Arredondo, a bad beating, forcing a retirement in round five. Arredono was cut and Palm's excellent left hooks to the liver took their toll. European welterweight champion Jorgen Hansen took six rounds to catch up with Giancarlo Barabotti, but when he did it was all over.

France lost its only European crown when junior welterweight champion Jean Baptiste Piedvache (29) lost his title to Briton Colin Powers via an eleventh round TKO in Paris. In just over a year, Piedvache has lot four bouts, which proves he is not quite the class he was. In New York, he was given a sound beating by Saoul Mamby, losing the ten-rounder on points. Powers, the fishmonger from Paddington, won in the eleventh when the Frenchman retired. Piedvache took defeat like a champion and said afterwards that Powers is a very hard puncher and will make a good champion. Welter champion Alain Marion, France, lost his European crown to Jorgen Hansen earlier this year and the EBU has taken away Gratien Tonna's European middleweight title for not meeting Briton Alan Minter, leaving the cupboard bare in France at the moment.

German boxing is ruled by two bodies, the BDB and the VDF. They have been cast aside by the RBU, and quite rightly so. With two bodies working against one another, and with more officials than the forty-nine licensed boxers, they can only do more harm to what is left of the sport in this country. German boxers will not be able to participate in any European title fights for a period of one year, or, until both bodies come to an agreement and work together.

Former WBA junior middleweight champion Jose Duran, Spain, who was thrashed recently by Rocky Mattioli, has announced his retirement.

The Ring has received a number of letters asking why British boxers have not been included in the ratings. They were never included because the ratings were considered Continental and not European and only when a Briton won a European title was he mentioned in dispatches. This month's ratings cover the whole of Europe and, in the future, British boxers worthy of a rating in the top ten will be included.

ITALY

▲**Palermo** — Lightweights: Angelo Pravenzano outscored Renzo Battistelli, eight.

▲**Pisa** — Lightweights: Giovanni Vitollo knocked out Gerardo Scognamiglio, four.

▲**Capua** — Franco Buglione retained his Italian bantamweight title, outpointing Claudio Tanda, twelve.

▲**Rome** — Junior middleweights: Libero Moi decisioned Luciano Laffranchi, eight. Middles: Roberto Feliciono outscored Gianni Mingardi, eight. Luciano Sordini TKO'd Salvatore Russo, five. Lights: Pellegrino Ventrone outscored Gregorio Cinacaglione, eight.

▲**Piacenza** — Middleweights: Aldo Buzzetti outscored Kadir Yuceler, six. Welterweights: Jose Ribeiro knocked out Francesco Plate, four.

▲**Bologna** — Lights: Rocco Frisi outscored Mario Ficano six rounds. Nunziato Sanna outpointed Augusto Quadri, six. Heavyweights: Claudio Cassanelli stopped Coulibaly Demba, four. Dante Cane outscored Joe Gholston, ten.

▲**Florence** — Junior welterweights: Eloy de Souza outscored Angelo Fanciulli, eight. Lightweights: Franco Siddu outpointed Giuseppe Agate, eight.

▲**Milan** — Matteo Salvemini knocked out Jacques Chinon, seven. Bantams: Laurent Grimbert outscored Alfredo Mulas, eight. Junior welterweights: Raimondo Riccio outpointed Severino Picca, six. Danato Romano outscored Giancarlo Denti, six. Lights: Angelo Provenzano stopped Ugo Poli, four.

▲**Faenza** — In a bout for the Italian light heavyweight title, Ennio Cometti KO'd Cristiano Cavina in two rounds. Junior middles: Alvaro Scarpelli TKO'd Bernardo Bonizzoni, three. Bantamweights: Valerio Nati outscored Domenico Palumbo, six. Heavyweights: Danile Laghi drew his six rounder with Leopoldi Centorrino. Middleweights: Marino Pagani decisioned Mario Favotto.

▲**Senigallia** — In a bout for the Italian welterweight title, Giuseppe Martinese stopped Giuseppe Corbo, nine. Middleweights: Lorenzo Nardillo drew his six rounder with Luciano DeGiacomo.

▲**Udine** — Junior welterweights: Giancarlo Barabotti kayoed Bruno Freshi, one.

▲**Milan** — Welterweights: Ivan Visani stopped Contu, two. Junior welters: Antonio Antino TKO'd Patrizio Burini, three. Junior lights: Leo Scorza outscored Arturo De Prezzo, six. Middles: Roberto Manoni kayoed Giuseppe Mazzei, six.

▲**Milan** — In a fight for the Italian junior lightweight title, Aristide Pizzo stopped Biagio Pierre, eight. Bantamweights: Helenio Ferreira TKO'd Antonio DeFranca, four. Giuseppe Fossati outscored Josias Malquides De Silva, eight. Heavyweights: Giovanni De Luca decisioned Vasco Faustinho, eight.

▲**Palestrina** — Light heavys: Lino Lemma outscored Bruno Polloni, eight.

▲**Viareggio** — Lightweights: Giovanni Vitillo outscored Carlo Frassinetti, eight.

▲**Rome** — Welters: Pietro Callara decisioned Carmini Zollo, six.

▲**Genoa** — Middles: Norberto Cabrera outpointed Gerard Nosley, six. Bantamweights: Lorenz Paciullo outscored Vincenzo Morano, six.

▲**Pesaro** — Junior welters: Juan Jose Gimenez kayoed Laurent Gegala, six.

▲**Genoa** — Norberto Cabrera outscored Gerard Noseley, eight.

▲**Bologna** — Lightweights: Lucio Cusma drew with Eliott De Souza, eight. Flyweights: Antonio Galletta decisioned Salvatore Laconi, six. Heavyweights: Leopoldo Centorrino outscored Diego Cavallin, six. Junior middleweights: Giancarlo Serangeli kayoed Luigi Marini, four. Middleweights: Mario Pagani decisioned Ali Jacob, six.

▲**Cagiari** — Lightweights: Antonio Puddu outpointed Ugo Poli, eight. Bruno De Montis stopped Gabriele Peruzzi, two. Junior welterweights: Francesco Aresti outscored Giuseppe Juppa, six.

▲**San Remo** — Luis Duran stopped Claude Mingardi, six. Matteo Salvemini TKO'd Jean Claude Warusfel, six. Welterweights: Mario Guillotti outscored Jose Resto, eight.

▲**Pescara** — Rocky Mattioli retained his WBC junior middle title, stopping Jose Duran, Spain, in five rounds.

FRANCE

▲**Nemours** — Junior welterweights: Bechir Bountka decisioned William Collet, eight.

▲**Troyes** — Junior welters: Joel Leprodhomme outpointed Pierre Koenig, six. Featherweights: Patrick Goblet outscored Jean Jacques Touris, eight.

▲**Sens** — Welterweights: Alain Ruocco outscored Daniel Boulex, ten.

▲**Sedan** — Light heavyweights: Gerald Bois drew an eight rounder with Uwe Meinecke.

▲**Grenoble** — Light heavies: Hocine Tafer stopped Michel Dylbaitys, four.

▲**Waziers** — Featherweights: Jean Yves Julien TKO'd Jean Jacques Souris, three.

▲**Valence** — Lightweights: Charles Juriette outscored Emilio de Souza, eight.

▲**Crepy eu Valois** — Bantamweight. Laurent Grimbert outpointed Jacky Bihin, eight.

▲**Dunkirk** — Joe Kimpuani knocked out Eddie Marcel in five rounds before a crowd of less than 500. Marcel was counted out in a standing position with one and a half minutes bone in the round.

SPAIN

▲**Santander** — Junior middleweights: Andoni Amana outscored Pascal Zito, eight. Bantamweights: Esteban Equia decisioned Henry Konne, eight. Junior welterweights: Hamed Ben Aisa TKO'd Arnusi, four.

▲**Vegara** — Bantamweights: Manuel Carrasco outscored Antonio Garcia Tanio, eight.

▲**Caceres** — Featherweights: Chato Melillense knocked out Fernando Bermejo, two.

▲**Resus** — Flyweights: German Yestes outscored Valeriano Morales, six.

▲**Pontevedra** — Heavyweights: Felipe Pantera Rodriguez

TKO'd Alberto Lovell, two. Middleweights: Pino Tobio beat Alberto Ramirez, who was disqualified in the fourth.

▲**Santa Cruz de Tenerife** — Junior welters: Jesus Rodriguez de la Rosa stopped Jose Lopez Barrilado, eight. Lightweights: Leon Megias outscored Mohatar over eight rounds.

▲**Lugo** — Raul Anon outpointed Mario Molina, eight. Manuel Acedo drew his eight rounder with Almed Ben Aisa. Francisco Moya outscored Garcia Kiko, eight.

▲**Malaga** — Bernardo Fernandez Lozano drew with Fernando Yague, eight.

▲**Valladolid** — Mariano Rodriguez decisioned Ramon Garcia Marichal over twelve rounds to win the vacant Spanish featherweight title.

▲**Madrid** — Heavyweights: Gilberto Acuna kayoed Jim Wett, two. Light heavyweights: Avenamar Peralta knocked out Negritillo Lozano, four. Lightweight Hugo Carrizo drew his eight rounder with Antonio Amaya. Bantamweights: Vincente Rodriguez drew with Moro Rodriguez, eight.

▲**Teneriffe** — Junior lightweights: Jose Manuel Padron kayoed Frank Realinho, four. Middleweights: Teo Vega decisioned Tony Oca, eight.

▲**Pravia** — Welterweights: Jose Ramon Gomez Fouz drew with Antonio Casado, eight.

▲**Resus** — Bantamweights: Germano Yestes decisioned Francisco Rodriguez, eight.

▲**Leon** — European heavyweight champion Alfredo Evangelista, Spain, kayoed American Billy Turner, in one round.

AUSTRIA

▲**Bregenz** — Junior middleweights: Austrian Franz Dorfer remains undefeated, knocking out Italian Tommaso Marocco, in two rounds with a left hook. Featherweights: Stefan Kobli and Vicenzo DiBari drew their six rounder. Ali Saddi stopped Ludwig Kammerhofer in two minutes and fifty seconds with a left hook.

▲**Bregenz** — Former European junior welterweight champion Cemal Kamaci, a Turk based in Berlin, outscored Italian Antonio Torsello over eight rounds. Kamaci was cut in the opening frames. Welters: Fritz Kremslehner, having his second professional fight, drew with Ghanaian Goy Robertson, over four rounds.

NORWAY

▲**Oslo** — Ugandan welterweight Josef Nsubuga outscored Mimoun Mohatar over eight rounds. Light heavyweights: Harold Skog, Norway, outscored Briton Toni Collins, eight. John B. Mwunga won his second professional fight, kayoing Moroccan Jofre in the second round.

DENMARK

▲**Randers** — Alain Marion, France, lost his European welterweight crown being kayoed by Dane Jorgen Hansen with a half a minute gone of round six. It was Hansen's fifty-fourth win in sixty-six fights. Middles: Ayub Kalule, Uganda, stopped Idrissa Konate of Senegal in seven rounds. Konate took a couple of counts in the sixth before the third man decided to halt the affair with one minute and eleven seconds gone of the seventh round. Light heavies: Mustapha Wasajja, Uganda, outscored Briton Victor Attivor, ten rounds. Hans Henrik Palm, Denmark, knocked out Frenchman Joel Moulin with only one minute and forty nine seconds gone of round one. Jose Lozano, Spain, outscored Ane Per Mullertz, six.

▲**Copenhagen** — Junior middles: Joe Lally, Britain, outscored Per Mullertz, Denmark, six. Junior middle champion, Torben Andersen (26), Denmark, veteran of 183 amateur bouts, won his professional debut outscoring Briton Johnny Elliot (GB), four.

SWITZERLAND

▲**Geneva** — European light heavyweight champion Aldo Traversaro, Italy, made a successful defense of his crown, stopping Francois Fiol, Spain, in round five. Traversaro's father died prior to the fight.

GERMANY

▲**Frankfort** — Eckhard Dagge met a spoiler by the name of Larry Davis from America and won the ten rounder on points. Dagge's left eyebrow was badly cut and required four stitches. Frank Wissenbach outscored American Tyrone Phelps over eight rounds after being decked in the first. Heavyweights: George Butzbach drew his eight rounder with Britain's Tony Moore. Welters: Marijan Benes, Yugoslavia, based in Berlin, knocked out Briton Peter Neal, four. Light heavyweights: German based Turk Agamali Yilderin won his fourth professional bout, beating ex-American GI Mike McCoy (25) on points over four rounds.

▲**Lubeck** — Light heavyweights: German Helmut Ulka beat Turk Kemal Kurmazcan, who was disqualified in the second for butting. Heavyweights: Harry Friedel won an all-German affair, beating Burkhard Lembke on points over four rounds. Junior middleweights: Jurgen Voss kayoed German Jurgen Gries, four. Middles: George Steinherr, Germany, KO'd Frenchman Michel Chapier in the third. Junior welters: Peter Bio, Germany, beat fellow countryman Dieter Schantz on points, six. Karsten Honold outscored Horst Lang over eight rounds.

▲**Essen** — Jean Claude Emmerich (29) won the German BDB junior middleweight title, outscoring Wolfgang Gans (32) over twelve rounds. Light heavyweights: Louis Pergaud, Cameroons, based in Germany, outscored Lee Royster, U.S.A., ten rounds, winning his twelfth professional fight. Heavyweights: Jacob Tchanthuing (27), Cameroons, stopped Roger Russel, U.S.A., one. Middles: George Steinherr, Germany, TKO'd Francisco Rodriguez, Spain, six. Welterweights: Helmut Baumann outpointed fellow German Josef Kossmann, four. Middle: Charlie Schulz, Germany, stopped Darco Barakovicz, Yugoslavia, six.

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▲**Chatelineau** — Featherweights: Jose Garcia TKO'd Demeyer, three.

▲**Emines** — Middleweights: Alfredo Naveiras knocked out Roy Gumbs, three.

▲**Turnhout** — Junior middleweights: Mon Lange Wouters outscored Othon Bettchika, six.

▲**Zele** — Welterweights: Jo Kimpuani knocked out Alois Carmeliet, three. Clement Tshinza drew his eight rounder with Achille Mitchell. Jean van Torre kayoed Jean Simos, two. Heavies: Rudi Gauwe kayoed Terry Mintus, four. Lightweights: Gilbert Bayens outscored Christian Valentin, six.

▲**Kalken** — Middleweights: Roland Bayens decisioned Sabania, six.

▲**Molenbeak** — Heavyweights: Al Syben knocked out Hennie Thoonen, four. Junior welters: Jean Pierre Luzolanu drew his eight rounder with Dirk DeClerk.

HOLLAND

▲**Amsterdam** — In a light heavyweight bout, Rudi Koopmans, Holland, beat German Leo Kakelowicz, who retired with a cut left eye in round nine. Koopmans, who was also cut about the left eye, won most of the rounds. Dutchman Frank Albertus, drew his eight rounder with Britain's Achille Mitchell. Two officials had it a draw and the third voted in favor of Albertus. Briton Pat Thomas outscored the Berlin based Turk, Agamali Yilderin, over eight rounds. All officials voted in favor of the former British welterweight champion. Yilderin was having his fifth pro outing. Marijan Benes, Yugoslavia, based in Berlin, outscored southpaw Tiger Quaye, Ghana, over six rounds. This was their third meeting, with two bouts in favor of Benes.

EUROPEAN RATINGS
(AS OF JUNE 18, 1978)

Heavyweights
Champion: Alfredo Evangelista (S)
1. Billy Aird (GB)
2. Lorenz Zanon (I)
3. Lucien Rodriguez (F)
4. John L. Gardner (GB)
5. Alfio Righetti (I)
6. Les Stevens (GB)
7. Dante Cane (I)
8. Denton Ruddock (GB)
9. Tony Moore (GB)
10. Domenico Adinolfi (I)

Light Heavyweights
Champion: Aldo Traversaro (I)
1. Mate Parlov (Yugo)
2. John Conteh (GB)
3. Rudi Koopmans (H)
4. Bunny Johnson (GB)
5. Emilio Cometti (I)
6. Sylvain Watbled (F)
7. Francois Fiol (S)
8. Robert Amory (F)
9. Avenamar Peralta (S)
10. Onelio Grando (I)

Middleweights
Title Vacant
1. Gratien Tonna (F)
2. Alan Minter (GB)
3. Vito Antuofermo (I)
4. Kevin Finnegan (GB)
5. Frankie Lucas (GB)
6. Fernando Valsecchi (I)
7. Angelo Jaccopucci (I)
8. Bunny Sterling (GB)
9. Frank Reiche (G)
10. Tony Sibson (GB)

Junior Middles
Champion: Maurice Hope (GB)
1. Eckhard Dagge (G)
2. Frank Wissenbach (G)
3. Bruno Arcari (I)
4. Jimmy Batten (GB)
5. Andoni Amana (S)
6. Claude Martin (F)
7. Gilbert Cohen (F)
8. Tony Poole (GB)
9. Josef Pachler (A)
10. Luigi Minchillo (I)

Wlterweights
Champion: Jorgen Hansen (D)
1. Dave Green (GB)
2. John H. Stracey (GB)
3. Alain Marion (F)
4. Alois Carmeliet (B)
5. Dum Dum Pacheco (S)
6. Giovanni Moleslini (I)
7. Alain Ruocco (F)
9. Horacio Ruiz (S)
10. Francois Leon (S)

Junior Welterweights
Champion: Colin Powers (GB)
1. Jean Baptiste Piedvache (F)
2. Fernandez Sanchez (S)
3. Primo Bandini (I)
4. Clinton McKenzie (GB)
5. Cemal Kamaci (T)
6. Giovanni Martinese (I)
7. Hans Henrik Palm (D)
8. Chris Davies (GB)
9. Claude Lormeau (F)
10. Joey Singleton (GB)

Lightweights
Champion: Jim Watt (GB)
1. Antonio Ginaldo (S)
2. Perico Fernandez (S)
3. Giancarlo Usai (I)
4. Charlie Nash (GB)
5. Vincenzo Burgio (I)
6. Antonio Puddu (I)
7. Vincenzo Quero (I)
8. Andre Holyk (F)
9. Jeronimo Lucas (S)
10. Manuel Vasquez (S)

Junior Lightweights
Champion: Natale Vezoli (I)
1. Isidoro Cabeza (S)
2. Georges Cotin (F)
3. Elio Cotena (I)
4. Carlos Hernandez (S)
5. Salvatore Liscapade (I)
6. Rodolfo Sanchez (S)
7. Aristide Pizzo (I)
8. Rene Martin (F)
9. Miguel Molleda (S)
10. Manuel Llata (F)

Featherweights
Champion: Robert Castanon (S)
1. Cecilio Lastra (S)
2. Manuel Masso (S)
3. Nino Jimenez (S)
4. Dave Needham (GB)
5. Alan Richardson (GB)
6. Les Pickett (GB)
7. Michele Siracusa (F)
8. Salvatore Melluzzo (I)
9. Albert Amatler (F)
10. Sergio Emili (I)

Bantamweights
Champion: Franco Zurlo (I)
1. Esteban Eguia (S)
2. Juan Francisco Rodriguez (S)
3. Guy Caudron (F)
4. Johnny Owen (GB)
5. Laurent Grimbert (F)
6. Franco Buglione (I)
7. Luigi Tessarin (F)
8. Jacky Bihin (F)
9. Teodoro Corallo (I)
10. Alfredo Mulas (I)

Flyweights
Champion: Franco Udella (I)
1. Emilio Pireddu (I)
2. Mariano Garcia (S)
3. Giovanni Camputaro (I)
4. Charlie Magri (GB)
5. Claudo Tanda (I)
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AROUND THE NEW YORK AREA

By CHARLES D. BROWN

JERSEY CITY, NEW JERSEY—It was the first time anybody had deigned to hold a fight card in the old Jersey City Armory in eight years (since Sonny Liston-Chuck Wepner). And the blueprints were ambitious—eleven fights adding up to a total of seventy-four possible rounds. Well, to the credit of the promoter, all eleven fights came off as scheduled. But eight of them ended in knockouts, and we ended up with thirty-seven rounds of boxing. A big crowd of aobut 2,500 people filled the Armory.

Chuck Wepner scored a five-round TKO over Tom Healy, 204, N.Y.C. Wepner weighed 224. Chuck wore Healy down with his superior bulk and floored Healy thrice in the fifth, although the second one looked like a shove and the last offered to land on the back of the neck.

The light heavyweight semi-final should have been a war, but it wasn't and that's sad. Top contender Eddie (Flame) Gregory had a remarkably easy time scoring a two-heat TKO over Ray Elson, 177, N.Y.C., formerly one of the most brilliant prospects in the division. He entered the ring with a 20-2 record, but his last fight had been a first-round knockout loss to Mike Spinks. Elson must have been carrying the effects of that one around with him still. Gregory 174, Brooklyn, certainly a terrific puncher (he KO'ed Jesse Burnett and beat Matt Franklin), floored Elson with a right hook to the ear soon after the opening gong. Elson seemed instantly discouraged and took a solid beating for the rest of the heat. Cornerman Paddy Flood soaked Elson with water and tried to talk the desire back into him between rounds. But Gregory landed a jolting right chop to the chin to open the second, and Elson was down for six. Flood waved at ref Tony Perez to please halt the bout. Time—32 seconds of the second.

In a third ten-rounder saw light heavyweights, Ramon Ranquello, 177, N.Y.C., and Johnny Kane, 177, Bayonne, mix it up.

Kane was floored in the third by a body barrage that a lot of people saw as low. He had nothing left after that, and caved in from exhaustion and the heat. It was KO5 for Ranquello.

In a scheduled eight, Irish Pat Murphy won his sixth straight in his latest comeback. Yes, that's the same Murphy who was once a welterweight and was the toast of the Felt Forum for a number of years. His opponent was one Frankie Lopez, 142, Mexico. Murphy, Secaucus, has by now grown into a 155-pounder. Lopez was floored twice by solid left hooks and the ref halted the match at 1:39 of 1.

Richard Roy, 199, Sparta, a Muhammed Ali spar partner, dropped his Ali shuffle style and turned nonstop puncher before his home fans, who liked the switch a great deal. Roy didn't have the power to dent Eddie Mallard, 192, Jersey City, seriously, but he kept Eddie very much on the defensive and won a six-round decision.

In a scheduled eight, undefeated Arcadio Suarez, 139, N.Y.C., upped his record to 16-0 with 12 knockouts when he dispatched Angel Ortiz, 134, N.Y.C., at 2:39 of 6. Suarez was too concerned with conserving energy to make an impression on the crowd. While Ortiz swarmed all over him, Suarez threw only four punches in the first five rounds. All four rocked Ortiz to his toes, and the crowd wondered what Suarez was waiting for. At last, Suarez ended it in the sixth when the aggressive Ortiz caught a perfect left chop on the jaw. Ortiz went down for eight, got up, then raised his arms in victory. That was enough for ref Tony Perez and he halted matters.

In a scheduled heavyweight four, Bill Connell, 214, Atlantic Highlands, scored a first-round KO over Terry Kidd, 252, Teaneck, at 2:37 of the round. A right hand to the ear eventually dropped Kidd.

Another ring behemoth, Dennis (Primo) Romano, 289, Fairview, KO'ed Lee Hunter, 224, Waterbury, at thirty-seven seconds of 1.

In a four Rodell Dupree, 196, Jersey City, and Tyrone Harlee, 209, N.Y.C., fought as if the heat in the arena had fused them together. A dull fight ended with Dupreee the decision winner.

In the opening fight, Jose Matos, Jersey City, won a unanimous four-round decision over Bobby Mann, Nutley. Matos was warned for backhanding, but a messy cut he opened below Mann's left eye hampered the latter and made Matos the easy winner.

A light-heavyweight four between Jose' Morales, 176, Brooklyn, and Sal San Filippo, 177, Jersey City, was a wild-swinging bout. Morales floored Filippo thrice in the opening round only to have Sal come back and floor a now totally exhausted Morales three times in the second for a TKO2 win.

▲PRATT INSTITUTE FIELDHOUSE, BROOKLYN, N.Y. — Larry (Tumbler) Davis, 159½, N.Y.C. crowd-pleasing and windmill fighting middleweight, has preserved his record as one of the most snake-bitten fighters in the lower divisions at present. He has broken even in about fifteen fights. His opponent tonight, Jesus Castro, 157½, was billed as the middleweight champ of the Dominican Republic. He had a 12-2 record with ten knockouts prior to bout time. Davis is 5'4" inches tall. Castro was 6'2 inches tall. Davis started out to make chicken hash out of Castro. He dashed into him and started banging the body. Castro almost toppled through the ropes and some officials, to save their scoresheets, pencils, and fingers, shoved him back off the apron before he toppled onto the press tables. Not until the third round did Castro get into the fight, using the only tactic available to him—keeping the pressing Tumbler off with a persistent jab and elongated counterpunches. In the fourth, Castro rattled Davis with a five-punch head combination. Davis responded with some piston-like straight rights. By the close of the sixth, Davis had resumed his body attack and command—he 'painted' Castro's midsection with regularity and Castro looked all done. In the seventh, it struck like Thor. Castro landed a sharp combination midway through the round, and Davis wiped the blood away and discovered that it wasn't a cut, it was a ditch. The bout was halted as quick as they could humanly do it, giving Castro a TKO win. Davis spent fifteen minutes stretched out on a rubbing table while the commission doctor put some twenty-five stitches in the elephantine opening.

The eight-round heavyweight semi-final matched 38-year-old ex-contender Hubert Hilton, in his third comeback bout; against the jelly roll; Bob Stallings. Hilton was physically impressive at 198; Stallings came in at a rollicking 234. Both from Long Island. Stallings at least was able to dredge up an occasional young man's move from meory and staggered Hubert with a right swing to the head in the third round. Hilton slipped in the fourth round and seemed to be complaining of a leg injury. Hilton refused to come out for the fifth, so Stallings got a TKO-4 win.

In a scheduled eight-round lightweight bout, Bobby Wildman Alexander, 135¼, of N.Y.C. made an impressive comeback from a KO loss in Allentown, Pa. last time out. His opponent was Clyde Beatty, 133, Cohoes, N.Y., Alexander raked over the body in the first heat. then switched to the head and had Beatty down for two counts of seven in the second. Ref Herb Kronowitz gave Alexander a TKO win at 2:13 of the second.

Louis Guzman, 177, raked over the body of Eric Winbush (175) in close and won an easy four-round decision.

Jose Figueroa, 129½, Puerto Rico, and Jose' Luis Ortiz, 128¼, Puerto Rico, fought a sizzling six-rounder that ended in the diplomatic manner—a draw. Figueroa had the heavier punches but the wind resulted when he aimed them. Ortiz is one of those scrappy specialists who you never have to look for. You know, the annoying, slashing type. It was the best match of the night.

AROUND THE CLUBS

By STEVEN C. LOSCH

Call him the new Eddie "Flame" Gregory, or if you prefer, the old Eddie Gregory who knocked out fifteen of his twenty-one opponents as a middleweight. New or old, the Eddie Gregory who stopped Ed "Savage" Turner, 183½, Memphis Tennessee, in the fourth round at the Westchester Country Center in White Plains, New York, is a very different fighter from the overly-cautious counterpuncher who took on Victor Galindez and Jessee Burnett.

Before the fight, Gregory promised to finish the "Savage" quickly. He was content to lay back and counterpunch during the first and second rounds, while Turner winged wild hooks at his gloves and elbows. The famed Gregory jab was strangely absent. By the third stanza, Eddie had Turner's style figured out. He scored repeatedly with perfectly timed right uppercuts to the head that caught the "Savage" as he was lunging forward from a semi-crouch. When Turner backed off, Gregory pursued him with brutal hooks to the liver. A left to the body dropped Turner to his knees in the closing seconds of round three. Round four saw Gregory come out with his left at his side and his right cocked. Turner took two more trips to the canvas before the fight was stopped.

In the preliminary bouts: Teddy Mann, 165, TKO'd veteran Dave Dittmar, 174, in three rounds. Marciano Bernardi, 157½, halted comebacking veteran Hilton Whittaker, 157½, on an eye cut in the fourth frame. Bernardi is a young aggressive banger who may go places with experience.

Eddie Campbell, 146, easily decisioned Donald Johnson, 145½, in a grounder. Ken Fusco, 144¼, stopped Sam Jackson, 139½, in two. Hal Emerson, 215, Princeton, New Jersey, got the nod over 1968 New York Golden Gloves winner Henry Jeter, 208½, making a comeback at the age of 34.

1800 fans were in attendance.

▲TOTTOWA, NEW JERSEY — Afiercely partisan sell-out crowd of 3,180 packed "Ice World" in Tottowa, New Jersey, to support local hero Kevin Smith against comebacking veteran Mike Quarry in a ten round battle. The crowd loved the non-stop action, but their cheers turned to jeers when the final verdict of a draw was announced. The hometown judge and referee Larry Hazzard scored the fight 47-44 for Smith and 46-46, respectively. Judge Harold Lederman, who hails from New York, saw it 46-44 for Quarry. My own card read exactly like Lederman's. Lederman is emerging as one of the finest and fairest officials in the business.

Mike Quarry is known primarily as a cute boxer who makes use of the full ring, but he can also be very tough on the inside. He out-slugged Tom Bethea in a brawl that could have been staged in a phone booth. Smith's handlers told their fighter to get close to Mike and pressure him on the inside. The strong jab that Kevin used to decision Clyde Mudgett in his last outing was not an important part of his fight plan for Quarry.

On the undercard: Conrad Tooker, 196, Kearny, N.J., puset Jerry Foley, 199, Scranton, Pa., in a wild six rounder that went the distance.

Scott Frank, 210, N.J., a member of the 1978 U.S. amateur squad, climbed off of the canvass to club down Johnny Blaine, 193, Hartford, Conn., in one round. It was Scott's second pro bout.

Rusty Rosenberger, 160, N.J., decisioned Dan Stahle, 160½, N.J., in a six-rounder. Nino "Mike" Gonzales, 148, N.J., decked Jesse Rogers, 144, Hartford, Conn., four times on his way to a six round points win. Ronnie James, 135, N.J., defeated Peter O'Keefe, 140½, N.J., in four.

Acting N.J. boxing commissioner Joe Walcott should be congratulated for the astonishing revival of professional pugilism in his baliwick.

A crowd of 1,405 turned out at the Westchester County Center in White Plains, N.Y. to see John "Dino" Dennis, 215, Attleboro Mass., take a one-sided ten-round decision from C.J. Bar Brown, 206, Brooklyn, N.Y. This was Dennis' second outing after being out of action for several months due to a dislocated shoulder.

All three officials scored the fight 9-1 for Dennis. Brown won a round when referee Coyle penalized Dennis for backhanding.

Dale Staley, 148½, Wash. D.C. demolished Ray Rosa, 148, New Jersey, in one round with a series of ten jolting head punches. Staley is now undefeated in six fights.

FISTICUFFS IN PHILLY

By NIGEL COLLINS

▲Undeafeated Philly junior welterweight Jimmy Shedrick returned to the rings after a five year layoff and held local prospect Jerry Graham to an interesting eight-round draw at the Blue Horizon.

The lanky Graham started well only to fade down the stretch as the stronger Shedrick began to shed some of the rust that he had accumulated during his lenthy hiatus.

Both Graham and his 29-year-old adversary mixed their punches well to the head and body. There were no knockdowns or cuts in what amounted to a good workout for both boxers. The draw verdict pleased the crowd and everybody went home happy.

Shedrick, who looked a lot slower than in years past, now has three draws to go with his five wins, he has stopped all five of the men he beat. Graham is now 9-1-1 with six KO's, he could develope with careful handling.

In the co-feature South Philly heavyweight Randy Mack TKO'd Joe Maye, of Hartford, Conn. in 2:58 of the third round of a scheduled eight.

Maye does not win too many fights but he is usually around to hear the final bell. Against Mack, however, he fell victim to a sweeping left uppercut and was decked for an automatic eight-count. Maye, 201, arose on shakey legs and his corner threw in the towel.

Mack has now won his last three fights via knockout and is a crowd pleaser. He set the knockout punch up well by digging hard shots to the body until Maye lowered his arms to protect his sides.

The winner came in at 223 and is better than his 4-3 (three KO's) record would indicate.

Unbeaten Brodrick Mason, 208, decisioned fellow Philadelphian Art Savage, a huge 251, over six. The bout was delayed for over fifteen minutes when the ring ropes collapsed mid-way into the third.

Savage backed Mason into the ropes with a couple of stiff body shots. Mason clinched and 459 pounds of fist fighter was drapped backwards over the ropes. The stress pull the ring post out of the floor and the ropes sagged to the canvas.

When hostilities resumed, Mason's quicker hands carried him to a close win over the game Savage. The winner is now 5-0 with two knockouts.

The best fight of the night saw Jake Jenkins, 151, edge Robert Drewrey, 150, over four punch-filled rounds. Drewrey made good use of his stiff left jab and at times crossed his right to pull the aggressive Jenkins up short.

Jenkins hooked hard to the body and came on late in the fight with head shots as Drewrey tired. The split decision in favor of Jenkins was well received. Both battlers from Philadelphia.

Local Greg Winston, 137, jumped on Upper Darby's Mark "Moon" Christian, 134, for a TKO at 2:40 of the second and lefty Gary Hinton, 135, stopped sub Darryl Guyton, 143, in the third.

This was the last show at the Horizon until cooler weather. It was promoted by the Spectrum Boxing Dept., Rus Peltz matchmaker.

▲UPPER DARBY — Local hero Mike Picciotti continued to improve with an exciting third-round TKO over Joe Tiberi, from Wilmington, Del., at the 69th Street Forum.

Both Picciotti and Tiberi came into the match unbeaten and tore into each other from the opening bell. Tiberi, 147, got off to a fast start, scoring with sharp jabs and solid righthooks over the first two rounds.

Picciotti, also 147, came out for the third with fire in his eyes. He smashed Tiberi with both hands, flooring him for an eight-count during the first minute of the round.

Tiberi get up but was soon in trouble again as Picciotti winged home a nifty left, right, left combination. Joe's corner signaled that their man had had enough and referee Hank Ciscoe stepped in at 1:43.

Action slugger Mickey Diflo, 139, roared from behind to stop Wayne King, 138, in another give and take brawl. After eating jabs and quick right hands for the first three rounds, Diflo hurt King with hard left hooks to the body. Mickey dropped Wayne with a left to the mid-section, followed by a right to the head. King beat the count but was soon down again from a simular combo. He bravely got up again but the bout was halted at 2:35 of the fourth.

Richie "The Bandit" Bennett, 164, disposed of Dennis Brown, 164, in the opening round. Brown, an unknown, last minute replacement for New Yorker Gary Baily, never had a chance. It would have been better to cancel the match.

Former amateur star Marty Capasso turned pro with an easy first round kayo over Roy Jones. Capasso, 213, landed a few shots and Jones, 195, turned away and hung over the ropes. Referee Ossie Sadler counted him out at 1:16 of the opening session. A dismal showing by Jones, to be sure.

Capasso is from Upper Darby, while Jones was billed from Philly.

Vineland's Ted Mann, 162, was too strong for Camden's Marvin Lee, 159, and won the battle of New Jersey middles with a first-round TKO.

Sean McGarry, 141, travelled all the way from Ireland to turn pro in this country. He scored a second-round TKO over cronic loser Leo Randolph, 136½, from New York. It was a shame that McGarry did not have a bit better opponent. Randolph, who also fights under the name of L.C. Mack, has been kayoed so many times it's hard to keep track. He went down and out from a right at 1:31 of the second.

The card was promoted by Ed Crawford and Marty Feldman, Rus Peltz matchmaer.

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NEWS FROM AUSTRALIA

By RAY MITCHELL

COONBARABRAN, N.S.W. — Australian lightweight champion Billy Mulholland, 133¼, retained his title with a close points decision over former featherweighr champion of Australia Tony Ryder, 132¼, in a thrilling fifteen-rounder. As referee, I carded 143-141.

The ninth round revealed the most sustained punching seen since Jimmy Carruthers removed the world bantam crown from the brow of Vic Toweel a quarter of a century ago. Ryder won a rally near the ropes then Mulholland took over and drove the challenger around the ring with blinding burst of punching that lasted through nearly all the round. Ryder was dazed but did not go down. He fought back, unch for punch over the last thirty seconds. Champion Mulholland, long boosted in this column as the most exciting boxer in Australia, is not a hard puncher bue he has very fast hands.

Ryder made Mulholland's knees buckle in the fourteenth round but Billy's uncanny ability to slip punches and box his way out of trouble prevented Tony from following up with the sleep-producer.

This was their fifth meeting. Ryder won the first two—by KO-12 and Ko-13—back in 1974, with Tony defending his feather crown. Mulholland now has three points win over Ryder.

Agressive Ross Fadie, 154½, tossed a shock into Australian welter title contender Mark Barnett, 146¾, by knocking him out in the third round and taking his N.S.W. State title at Penrith Leagues Club, May 16. Ross, former contender for the junior-welter title, now is highly ranked as a welter contender.

Eddie Buttons, 145, a smart boxer who has not lost a contest since being outpointed by Ross Fadie nearly 3½ years ago (and that embraces his last 23 fights), had his best win when he outpointed former welter champion of Australia Steve Dennis, 141, at Mt. Pritchard, May 17, over ten. Buttons won comfortably.

In an eight-round support Roger Henry, 130, gained a close points win over Larry Valesini, 132. Crowd did not agree with the verdict but they enjoyed the fight and showered the ring with coins.

▲BRISBANE FESTIVAL HALL — Australian Welterweight champion Neil Pattel, 148, had to be satisfied with a draw over ten in a non-title go with Steve Dennis, 147¾, at Brisbane Festival Hall just nine nights after Dennis lost to Buttons. It was a very good contest. Pattel was deckec in round seven. Dennis gets a title shot at Pattel next month.

▲PANGUNA, BOUGAINVILLE — Commonwealth junior light champion John Aba outpointed Roger Henry of Australia over ten, non-title. Easy win. Aba is scheduled to defend his title against Billy Moeller next month. You will recall Moeller defended against Aba last December, and, as referee, I carded Moeller winner but the two local judges in New Guinea scored for Aba.

▲New Zealand welter Bob Colley, now in Brisbane, outpointed Buddy Nixon over eight on the Pattel-Dennis bill. Colley looked very good.

▲BANKSTOWN R.S.L. CLUB — Steve Aczel returned to action after a spell of eighteen months to KO southpaw Ken Eldridge in the fourth round. Aczel weighed 183, Eldridge 178. Aczel once held the Australian and Commonwealth light heavyweight titles, losing both to Tony Mudine. He also held the Australian heavyweight crown, losing it to Maile Haumona. It was after that fight that he retired. Originally he was set to meet Haumona at Bankstown but Maile was unavailable so Eldridge jumped at the chance, despite the fact that he had not fought for twenty months. Eldridge won the first round, his southpaw stance puzzling Aczel, but after that it was all Aczel. He dropped Eldridge twice in the fourth round. Referee Alf Weymark counted to three then crowned Aczel with the lanky southpaw still on the floor.

Aczel has an unusual record. Of his twenty pro fights he has won only one on points, has won sixteen by KO and has lost three, all losses coming by KO.

On the Aczel-Eldrige bill, Bob McQueeney, 147, scored a stunning KO over Tony Fotia, 148, in round seven of a scheduled 10. It was a bad knockout for Fotia. He was on the verge of unconsciousness for about one minute before being dropped with a right uppercut to the point of the chin. He was down for at least 90 seconds, then rose and was assisted to his corner. He could not sit on his stool so was laid to rest on the canvas for a further three minutes. Finally he rose and left the ring unaided. It had been a slugging fight throughout.

▲SOUTH SYDNEY JUNIOR LEAGUES CLUB, KINGSFORD — Torkano Marcos, 160, rushing towards an Australian middleweight title shot, halted South Australian Junior Alberts, 161, in the third round. (Countout.)

▲Southpaw Jimmy Brown, 136¼, was too classy for Willie Leslie, 137½, in their scheduled ten at Preston Town Hall. Referee Gus Mercurio called it off in round six with Willie getting nowhere. In an eight-round support unbeaten Graham Murray, 161, outpointed Charles Dando, 161.

▲Smart-boxing Robbie Williams made a comeback at Braybrook against John LO Bianco, one of the top feathers in Australia. Robbie was halted with a cut eye at the end of the fourth frame. Lo Bianco was ahead but Williams was giving a good acoount of himself. Winner scaled 128, loser 132.

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SOUTH AFRICAN RING NEWS

By ED CLARK

JOHANNESBURG — Charlie Weir, in his first fight in the middleweight division became the white middleweight champion by demolishing hiterto unbeaten Sydney Bensch at two minutes twenty seconds of the second round before a crowd of 5,500 at the Film Trust Arena.

Bensch, the boxer, elected unwisely to slug it out with Weir and paid the penalty as Weir hurt him with a powerful left hook and right to the head then shortly afterwards Weir sent Bensch to the canvas with a combination of punches to the head. As Bensch was down on one knee, Weir hit him twice more and was lucky not to be disqualified by the referee, Stan Christodoulou. Weir was severely warned and when Bensch, his nose bloody, rose, he was dazed. Bensch still tried to trade blows with Weir, but was receiving a hammering. In the second, a left to the jaw sent Bensch down again and when he got up, Weir moved in with a well-timed left hook. As the referee reached the count of "ten," the towel came flying in. The referee said later that the punches thrown by Weir when Bensch was on the canvas "were of no great Significance".

▲TZANEEN — Louis Fourie and Bushy Bester fought a tremendously exciting ten round middleweight fight for the Transvaal junior middleweight title with Fourie getting the decision after ten rounds. Fourie was down in the second round with a right to the head but got up to win.

▲JOHANNESBURG — Before a packed crowd at the Film Trust Arena, Gerrie Coetzee scored a close but disappointing points victory over Randy Stephens, U.S.A., over ten rounds in the heavyweight division. Coetzee was unimpressive throughout the fight and Stephens was ahead for most of the bout, using left jabs. Stephens was cut above the left eye but it did not hamper him. There were no knockdowns. Coetzee, out of ring action for six months was made to miss badly. Stephens came on stronger as the fight progressed and Coetzee was never allowed time for his customory showmanship. In the first two minutes of the first round no blows were struck and very little in the first two stanzas. In the third, Stephens used combos and one of the blows knicked Coetzee's eye. In the fourth, Stephens was agains to the fore, using a right jab and pressing forward to the attack. Only in the seventh did the fight liven up again with brief exchanges—also the eighth round. Stephens came back in the ninth, getting through Coetzee's guard with two lefts. Coetzee clinched it in the last stanza but it could have been a draw or Stephen's. It wasn't a great fight by supposed world class fighters.

▲BLOEMFONTEIN — South Africa's newest heavyweight sensation, Jimmy Abbot TKO'd Franes Manyaniso in the second round at the Bull Hall, Showgrounds, Abbot started fast and had his opponent down in the first using a flurry of blows and in the second the referee stopped the fight. Tickey Donaldson decisioned Zacharia Makolomakoe, six, junior middleweights; Albertus Opperman outscored Willie Marais, four, light heavyweights; Kwagga Swanepoel outpointed Edwin Mokotso, four featherweights. Jacob Diraditsile TKO'd James Qualinga, seven, for Free State Bantam title.

▲CAPE TOWN — Peet Bothma successfully defended his white South African lightweight title by kayoing Less Baker in the fourth round at the Hall of Industries, Goodwood. Bothma won the first round, and then Baker took the next two. Then, in the fourth, a short left hook had Baker wobbly and Bothma pinned him against the ropes. Baker then sank to the canvas.

Sydney Hoho annexed the black light heavyweight title by beating James Mathatho on points over twelve rounds. Hoho had Mathatho down in the first with lefts and rights and also in the second and third but Mathatho employed a left jab to see out the fight. Hoho lost the eighth round only but was unable to score an inside the distance win. Coenie Bekker TKO'd Emil Brice, five, junior middles; Dumilo Siko decisioned James Abrahams, four, welters; Baby Boy Kondile TKO'd Alfred Mangola, three, bantams; Sazi Xamlashe TKO'd Edward Turner, three, lightweights.

▲DURBAN — Daniel Mapanya repeated a KO victory over Doug Lumleyat the West Ridge Tennis Stadium. This time it was in the third round to gain Mapanya the Supreme South African Middleweight title. Lumley won the first two rounds, using a fast right jab, but in the third, after thirty-six seconds, Lumley was hit with a fast left-right combination and fell to the canvas. He was on his feet at the count of "ten" but was in no state to continue. Both fighters are southpaws but served up action to the delight of the 8,000 crowd. Lumley's plan was to outbox Mapanya and he succeeded. In the second, Mapanya was made to look clumsy and missed badly, but in the exchanges it was Lumley who came out second best. In the third, Lumley took the count. The fight was marred by Mapanya hitting Lumley after the bell had sounded ending the first round.

Elijah "Tap Tap" Makhathini scored an eighth round TKO over Morgan Moledi in a middleweight bout. From the fourth, Makhathini came to the fore, using punishing combinations and in the sixth and seventh Moledi took a hammering when a solid left hook connected to head and body with monotonous regularity. Moledi was down in the seventh and after taking another count in the eighth, the towel was thrown in. Steve Dhladla TKO'd Henna Hawkey, three, lightweights; Bruce McIntyre TKO'd Aswan Simalane, one, light heavyweights; Phillip van As TKO'd Afrika Makhana, one, unior welters; Basie Gouws decisioned Isaac Dube, four, middles; Bernard Zungu outpointed Victor Mpiyake, six, featherweights.

VIRGINIA BEACH

By JACKIE LEVINSON

VIRGINIA BEACH, THE DOME — Bobby Acey, scored his 12th straight victory and his twelfth straight KO. A Norfolk policeman, Acey is 25 years old. He has been on the police force five years, but cannot get permission to take leave to box in the larger cities nearby which afford higher purses. His opponent was Ron Pettigrew, whom Acey scored a sixth round KO in their last bout. It was about the same type contest. At the beginning, Pettigrew back-pedalled while pouring left jabs and hooks to Acey's face. Bobby was stopping Pettigrew's jabs and hooks with his right hand high. Dick Pettigrew, his manager and trainer, has loads of ring knowledge, having won three All-Services heavyweight titles, plus three times All-Navy heavyweight titles. Finally in the fifth round, the Norfolk policeman hit his opponent with a left-right combination, dropping him for the eight count. Again in the early part of the sixth round, Bobby dropped Pettigrew and when he got up, the referee called the bout ended. . .

172 lbs. Greg Lamour, another policeman, of the South Norfolk Police Dept., stole the show before 1,515 fans. Lamour showed plenty of "guts." His opponent Donnie Norwood of Winston-Salem, N.C. dropped Lamour in the second round. The doctor was called in for a cut eye. The referee permitted Lamour to continue. In the third round, Lamour caught the Carolinian with a right and floored him for a count, then finished Norwood, in 2:04 of the fourth round. This bout gave Lamour his third win after losing his first two bouts in a comeback.

John Hunter, the forty-year old, former Navy heavyweight champion, made his professional debut with a four round decision over Roanoke's Ben Carr, an ex-Marine, also making his debut in the punch for pay ranks. . .

Jesse Carter, 161 lbs. of Norfolk, won a close decision over Frankie Crossman, 163 lbs. of Atlantic City, in a crowd-pleasing slugging match over four rounds. . .Bobby Jordan, Norfolk heavyweight, used his speed and jab to outpoint 38 year old Bob Stallings in an eight round bout. The bout was a mismatch. An old man, clown against a talented shy youngster. . .Charles Carey, 160 lbs., Norfolk, gained a split decision over Mickey Lewis, of Charlottesville, in a four round bout. In their last meeting, Lewis KO'ed Carey.

LAS VEGAS

By SHIRLEY NORMAN

Rocky Moseley, Jr. of Las Vegas regained the Nevada junior middleweight title from the man who had taken it from him, Larry Bonds of Denver. The event was Sahara Fight Night, promoted by the hotel and Tony Trudnich.

Moseley was in command of the fight from round 1; while Bonds showed none of the fire that had won him the title three months earlier. Southpaw Bonds had hurt his power hand in training; and the injury cost him the fight and his confidence.

The early rounds saw heavy action as both fighters jabbed and counter-punched. Both were bleeding profusely throughout the fight. The middle rounds turned into a clinching contest; but Moseley came to life again in the ninth round, throwing punches which Bonds could not counter. Moseley regained his title on a majority decision; since one judge, Hal Miller, had scored the fight even.

In the most exciting fight of the card, Kevin Morgan, of Los Angeles, suffered a K.O. at forty-eight seconds of the tenth round. He was handily beaten by Zeferino Gonzales of Los Angeles. The welterweight bout was brutal and bloody; as Morgan lost his steam after the first round. Gonzales completely took over by the second round and had Morgan in deep trouble in the third, fourth and fifth rounds. Gonzales used a left hook-stright right combination that had Morgan spinning. A right cross by Morgan in the fifth cost Gonzales a severe cut over the right eye.

In the seventh, Gonzales cut Morgan over the left eye; and Morgan retaliated by opening a cut on Gonzales' nose. Gonzales skipped through the ninth round, using the ropes as guidelines, since his vision was impared in the right eye.

The tenth round began with a wild right cross that caught Morgan off-balance. Gonzales then forced his opponent across the ring with a series of combinations. He finally caught Morgan in a neutral corner; and staggered him into submission. Referee Buddy Basilico then stopped the one-sided massacre.

A sluggish eight-round opener saw Joey Domingos win a unanimous eight-round decision over Felix Ramirez.

The opening fight was a sleeper—but it was the calm before the storm of the exciting fights that followed.

▲It was "Low-Blow" night at the Silver Slipper's Strip Fight of the Week. The main event was a welterweight battle between "Irish Leroy" Haley of Las Vegas, and Jorge "Kid Dinamite" Morales of Puerto Rico.

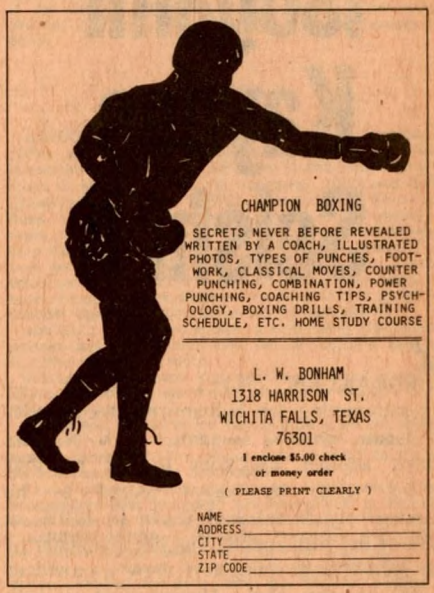
Haley started hitting his opponent below the belt in the first round. His tactics lit "Kid Dynamite's" fuse—and the Puerto Rican countered with a few low blows of his own.

The low blows continued for nine nasty rounds—as referee Ferd Hernandez lost control of the fight; and failed to take points away from either fighter. Haley sent Morales to the canvas with a brutal right direct to the groin at fifty-seven seconds of the ninth round.

Morales was writhing in pain as his manager, Kid Rayo, stepped into the ring to aid his ailing fighter. Referee Hernandez then stopped the fight on a disqualification. Haley was ahead on points and declared the winner—amidst a thunder of boos from the angry crowd.

However, Leroy's low-blow tactics were discussed by the Nevada Athletic Commission—who later declared the fight a "No Contest."

In a semi-main, Greg Stepehens, 149, Los Angeles, delivered a brutal right to the head of David Oropeza, 149, Los Angeles. The blow felled Oropeza in the closing moments of the eighth round.



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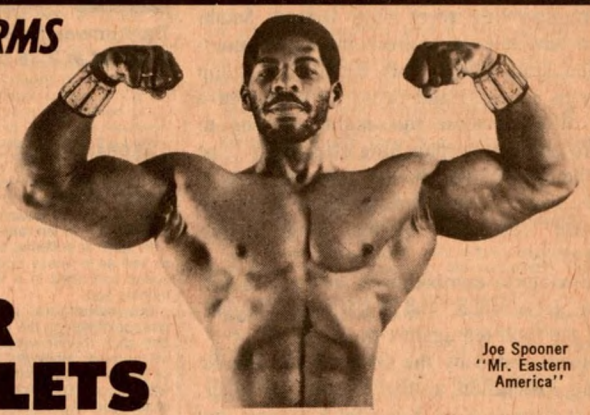

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ORIENT ACTION

By JOE Y. KOIZUMI

Isogami Kayoes Seishi Ii

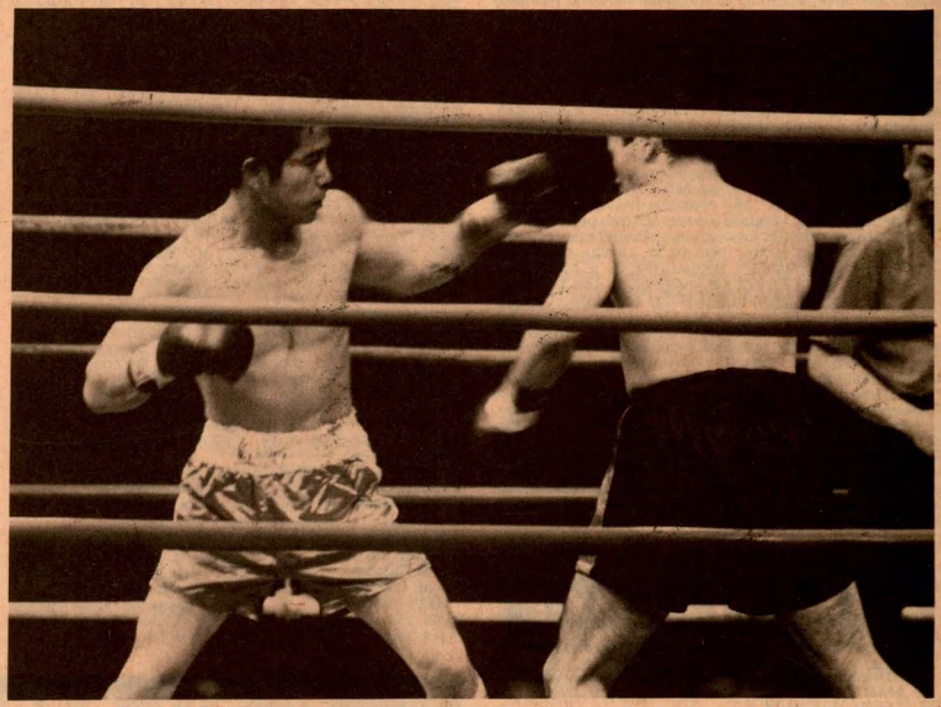
KORAKUEN HALL, TOKYO — Up-and-coming top bantamweight contender of Japan, Shuichi Isogami, 118¾ pounds, added another knockout to his previous 14-1-2 (nine by kayo) record as he impressively demolished Seishi Ii, 119¼, at 2:38 of the fifth round. The hot encounter of the hard-hitting youngsters drew a crowd of 1,700 to the Hall. Having lost a split decision to Go Numata for the Japan Boxing Commission title forty days before, Seishi took a terrific beating from the ex-Shinjin-ō (Novice king tournament) winner. Non-stop battler as Isogami had been, he displayed a quite different style this night, moving to and fro and counterpunching effectively. The loser began bleeding badly from the nose in round two. Thereafter Isogami was in complete command, taking three rounds going away.

The victor's combinations dropped Seishi on the deck twice, and the referee, Tezaki, tolled the fatal ten against the bleeder.

Isogami, rated by the Oriental and Pacific Boxing Federation as the fourth challenger, aims at Korean Kim Yung-Sik's throne, but the 22-year-old's loose defense must be improved. Ii, one year his senior, suffered his eighth setback against twelve wins (ten by KO) and two draws.

In a supporting ten, bantam weight Lobster (Uichiro) Hayashida, 117, absorbed much punishment and was knocked out by Tetsumasa Naga, 118, midway in the third session. Southpaw Naga, 15-7-1 with nine knockouts, bored in recklessly to stun the veteran with solid straight lefts. After his second visit to the canvas, Hayashida managed to raise himself on rubber legs only to be counted out by the third man.

A prelimianry eight saw a very lopsided result, when Yoshiyuki Shiomi, by far the taller and at the 112-pound limit, overwhelmed former kick-boxer Atom Suzuki, 111½, to take seven rounds with the good use of his longer reach.



Bantamweight Shuichi Isogami aims a left hook to the head of Seishi Ii. Isogami knocked him out at 2:38 of the fifth round. It was Shuichi's tenth win inside the distance.

JAPAN

▲KORAKUEN HALL, TOKYO — A dual JBC title contest took place before 2,500 sell-out cutomers. Junior featherweight champion Yu (Masaru) Kasahara, 121¾, retained his crown by winning a unanimous decision over rough and tough Futaro Tanaka, a perennial top contender at 122 pounds, in ten rather monotonous rounds.

In spite of suffering five knockdowns, Kasahara had fought so well as to annoy Hong Soo-Hwan of Korea with his vanted speed and skills in a WBA title bout of fifteen rounds three months ago.

But Kasahara's performance this night was only a disappointment to the crowd. He dominated the second, fourth and sixth rounds very clearly, tossing sharp combos at the willing mixer. However, the defending champ suddenly ran out of gas in the seventh canto, when Tanaka swarmed over him with roundhouse left hooks to win the round. The game challenger desperately kept chasing his fading rival, while Kasahara barely outmaneuvered him with negative hit-and-run tactics. Both referee Morita and judge Yoshida tabbed the dull affair 49-46, while judge Ugo had it 49-45; all in the champ's favor. Each scaled in at 158-¾ pounds.

In a companion ten, unbeaten Japan's titlist Masashi Kudo brought his winning streak to nineteen, as he outpunched and outpowered less experienced Katsuo Esashi, Yokohama, in a hot but onesided game. The unanimous decision was Kudo's eighth consecutive defense of his middleweight title.

Their difference in experience was enough to cause Kudo to pile up points steadily up to the sixth round, when Esashi's right had the champ's eye puffed up badly. It was the only round Esashi won all night. Regaining his pace and distance as well, Kudo resumed outfighting to batter the sturdy challenger almost at will. In the tenth and fnial round, Kudo gave him a barrage of solid shots to down him at the ropes for the mandatory eight count.

The official scoresheets were registered as follows; 49-43, 49-44 and 50-44. Korakuen Hall was packed to overfloweing due to very popular Kasahara nd Kudo.

▲KORAKUEN HALL, TOKYO — Promising Eijiro Murata, piloted by ex-Orient feather boss Kaneko, had a tough time outclassing very tricky Kosei Kawaguchi despite copping a unanimous verdict in ten rough rounds. Some 2,000 spectators witnessed Kawaguchi's sly tactics, frequent butting and holding, which gave the loser a penalty of one point during the eighth round.

Murata, twenty-one and the OPFB top contender in the junior feather class, was annoyed by Kosei's free swining style in the first two rounds.

Though Murata, hitherto compiling nine wins including seven kayos in as many outings, began to solve Kawaguchi's strategy in round three, the former suffered a cut at the right eyebrow owing to the latter's single roundhouse left.

Murata was a better combination puncher to be in command for three rounds from the fifth session. But Kawaguchi's busy hands and feet made him refuse to go down until the final bell.

The JBC scoresheets were; referee Tezaki, 49-46; judges Sasaki and Ugo, 49-45 and 49-44, respectively. Both entered the ring at 123 pounds.

In a supporting tenner, hard-punching welterweight Tarzan Tobaru, 154, returned to ring warefare after an eight months' layoff since his stunning upset kayo by Yohi Arai in Oska, to score a first-round knockout over Sumio Kai, 143. The time was 2:52.

Kai, keeping a losing run to six, proved no match for Tarzan's opening attack, which nailed the stout built loser against the ropes to down him three times. The third man declared an automatical halt.

In a preliminary six, latest local Shinjin-o winner Hidekichi Horinaga, 130, outscored Ken Togawa, 129¾. Another sixer witnessed a good finish in Noboru Ishimine, 124¼, disposing of Toshisuke Hirao, 125 pounds, in the third round.

▲NAGOYA CITY HALL — Having won thirteen recent bouts in his native Nagoya, despite losing a close decision to Hwang Bok-Soo in Korea last year, top JBC 130-pounder Takao Maruki proved too strong and powerful for Ryuichi Narita, 134, and gained a unanimous decision in ten heats. Maruki, twenty-four and eager for Rey Tam's OPBF junior lightweight throne, weighed in at 132-¾. Maruki has a style to overcome the rather short height with solid punching from all angles.

In the first ten, Phenix (Sueo) Taniguchi, 107¾, halted Okihiro Kiyokawa, 110 and from Osaka, in the sixth round. The victor is the JBC top notcher in the junior flyweight division.

▲OSAKA PREFECTURAL GYMNASIUM — Brutal lefty Shigeyoshi Adachi, 125½ and from Tokyo, went to Osaka to face local favorite, former Shinjin-o winner Shinichi Aoki, before some 2,000 fans.

Surprisingly, Adachi, was outlegged and outsped by the rising speedster to retire at the end of the seventh round.

Aoki, a busy footworker, averted the southpaw's heavy punches to be leading before the seventh round began. In the fatal session, Adachi seemed to have exhausted most of his stamina due to his punches missing too frequently. Aoki's right, following sharp combos, caught the face to drop the veteran for the compulsory eight count. After the session ended, Adachi, tired breathlessly, was unable to go on only to be called a kayo loser by the ref, Kashiwagi.

Aoki, the upset winner, upped his record to 10-2-1 with six bouts stopped within the distance, while Adachi's dropped to 18-6-2 (ten by kayo).

In the first tenner, Mitsuo Kushikino, lanky welterweight, scored a very quick one-punch kayo over Fumio Ota, 141½ and Shinjin-o winner of this year, in only 2:01 of the first session. The haymaker was a vicious right at the temple of

Ota. The winner, now 8-5 with three KOs, scaled in at 146 pounds. A supporting eight saw Kazumi Sato, a shorter puncher at 120, outscore Masao Mizui, 119¼, by a unanimous decision.

Sensational 'Best Shinjin-o winner' of this year, Yoshinori Natsuyama, 125½, collected a victim, stopping Kazuyuki Shindachi, 126, midway in the fifth round. Tall featherweight Natsuyama, newly rated by the JBC, has registered four knockouts in five wins since he had turned pro from his amateur Univ. campaign.

▲KORAKUEN HALL, TOKYO — Former national flyweight leader Tsutomu Igarashi, 112, had been regarded as a powder puff boxer, but showed very positive punching at the body of Yukimitsu Kondo, sixth rated 108-pounder, who hit the canvas in rounds two, three and six. On the third occasion, Kondo paid no efforts to stand up and fight on. Each was twenty-seven years of age, but Igarashi had superior ring experience.

In a companion ten, slick punching Kiyoshi Kazama, 138 pounds, won a shutout decision over Shigeru Goda, a slower puncher at the same weight. When Kazama had his opponent down to the ropes with a dozen of solid punches in round two, when the game would finish seemed a problem of time. However what we witnessed was Goda's tremendous durability rather than Kazama's follow-up. The scores of 50-44, 50-40 and 50-42 might account for the proceedings. It was former amateur ringster, 28-year-old Kazama's tenth win against five defeats and four draws.

A supporting eight saw Norikazu Atomura, 128, win a TKO from Yoshio Tano, also 128, due to his bad gash at the right eyebrow midway in the fifth round. Up to the stoppage, they exchanged see-saw rallies in every round. In a preliminary six, another technical kayo was witnessed, as flyweight hope Nobuo Sasano, 111¾ and 6-1, was awarded a sudden win owing to the bleeding cut of Chikara Yamazaki, 112, in the third session.

Some 1,500 fans were in attendance to see the dual tenner.

▲KORAKUEN HALL, TOKYO — Former amateur Golden Glove winner, Abdul Bey, 126 pounds, made a fine debut in Japan, as he completely outpowered Isao Okahashi, a lanky speedster at the featherweight limit, to halt him at the end of the fifth session. Bey, of Chicago, had been traded to Japan's Center Sports Club with the aid of wrestler Antonio Inoki during his frequent visits to the United States. Bey, having won fifty-eight contests (fifty-five by kayo) in sixty outings as an amateur boxer, compiled a record of twenty-four wins including twenty kayoes against each one defeat and one draw. Though Okahashi shook up the newcomer with a sharp left hook in the opening session, the game became topsided, as it proceeded. Okahashi, 21 and 11-4-$ with ten kayoes, tried to outbox the agressive Bey, but was dropped near the ropes from a wicked right in the fourth canto. Bey's perpetual punching overwhelmed the Japanese speedster to have him retire after the fifth round finished. Very harsh as Bey's fighting was, he would be a dangerous opposition for Nipponese top feathers.

Aggressive Kosei Anan, 118 pounds and former Shinjin-o winner, unanimously whipped Satoru Uehara, 118, after the former survived a rope down near the end of the first session. The twenty-two-year-old Anan possessed a good one-two combination, but he forgot how to defend himself too often.

Such lack of coolness might account for Anan's recent defeats by Ofu and Hayashida. In the latter half, Ana outpunched the fading rival all the way to register his twelth win (eight by kayo) against each two defeats and draws. Ref Kato gave his vote 47-44 to Anan, as judges Morita and Uchida did 47-44 and 48-45 to him.

Hitherto unbeaten hope Keisuke Yuguchi, 108 pounds, got off the canvas in the first and fifth rounds, came back desperately and battled to a draw with lefty Makio Ueda, one pound lighter and from Kyushu, in eight rounds.

In order to overcome the twice 5-3 poihts deficit, Yuguchi kept punching the tough southpaw continually. The card, which drew some 1,900 customers to the Hall, was promoted by Kadoebi Boxing Club.

▲KORAKUEN HALL, TOKYO — Flyweights Bazooka (Odajima) Shoji and Susumu Wakabayashi exchanged hot rallies almost in even terms, but a majority decision went to the veteran Wakabayashi after ten hot frames.

The winner's tricky punching sometimes annoyed Shoji, his two years junior at 22, to have him dominate the second and fifth sessions by a slight margin. From the sixth round on, Wakabayashi's punches apparently decreased owing to his over pace. Shoji chased Susumu time and again, using sharp combos to win the sixth, ninth and tenth rounds. However, referee Ichikawa and judge Sasaki evaluated Susumu's occasional strong lefts more highly to tab 48-47 and 49-48 respectively, while judge Ugo saw it a draw, 48-48.

Wakabayashi entered the ring half a pound heavier than Shoji's 113.

In a semi-windup eight, Senju Yamaguchi, Shoji's stablemate at 137½, had Kazufumi Shimono, at the same weight, quite groggy and finished him in the sixth session.

In a sixer, Tomio Takeuchi, 120 pounds, lost a decision to Tetsuro Kanzato, 121¼.

The crowd of only 1,000 was a disappointment of Saida Promotion, though it presented special sparring sessions of national champs, lightweight Masahiro Yokai and junior middleweight Kenji Shibata.

▲KORAKUEN HALL, TOKYO — A hot dual tenner fully entertained 1,600 customers as well as TV watchers through Fuji Television.

Hard-punching Leopardo (Kesaharu) Tsuruta, 126¾ and with eight KOs in eleven previous wins against one loss (to Spider Nemoto), was on the offensive so as to take three rounds in the first half, and kayo Hikaru (KO) tomonari, 127¼, for the court in 1:53 of the eighth round.

Lanky Tomonari, 6-2-1, traded strong left hooks at the suddenly fading Tsuruta to have him at bay in the seventh round. As Tomonari went all out for a kayo to turn the tide definitely, Leopardo's counterpunching one-two exploded at Hikaru's jaw with very good prcision. Down he went. No sooner had he stoood up, the third man tolled the ten against the staggering loser. Formerly they were bright amateur Univ. contestants.

In the first tenner, veteran Jaguar (Nobuyoshi) Sekino, 126½, suffered a bad knockdown in the second round, attempted to fight back with rough rallies, but lost an upset decision to rising puncher Koichi Matsushima, 127.

Koichi's rights were so strong that Sekino was forced against the ropes time and again in the third session. As the contest progressed, Matsushima threw few blows due to his fatigue, but Jaguar's revenging attack was not enough to get back the lost points.

Referee Sasaki saw the gruelling game 50-46, while judge and U.S. Marine Paul Field and veteran Ugo both had it 49-46, giving a decision to the rookie with a 10-2-2 (six knocout) record.

▲OSAKA — 33-year-old Kenyan Philippe Waruinge Nakayama, former junior featherweight champion of Nippon, has determined to hang up gloves because of the detached retina. After he gained the Bronze medal in Mexico Olympic Games and the Silver honor in Munich, he turned pro in Japan owing to the strong scout of Takao Kambayashi. Though Waruinge failed to win the world throne at the hand of Carlos Zarate and Rigoberto Riasco, each of whom finished the African within the distance, he kept Japan's title in the 122-pound division with four defenses.

Waruinge was dethroned by rising puncher Yu Kasahara via a quick kayo last year. The Kenyan stylist whose total record was 14-10-1 with 6 knockouts will return to his native place and capital of his country, Nairobi, where his wife and house has been waiting for the retired hero. Goodbye, African Waruinge!

Highly touted Tadashi Tomori, ex-Japan High School boxing champ at eighteen, made a sharp debut in outscoring Kanemi Takahashi, 107, in four rounds.

Tomori, 107½, displayed a good defense repeatedly to avoid Kanemi's wild blows. The fast rookie belongs to Misako Club newly.

Some 1,600 were in attendance at the Hall to priase Tsuruta's clearcut knockout.

▲NAGOYA — Fukiage Hall witnessed welter pucher Yohi Arai, from Osaka, demolish Kazunori Shiratori, a local favorite, in the sixth round of their scheduled ten-round contest. Shiratori proved no match for Arai in aggressiveness and power.

ORIENTAL & PACIFIC RATINGS

(AS OF JUNE 21, 1978)

MIDDLEWEIGHT
Champion
Jae Do Yuh (K)
1. Rudy Siregar (I)
2. Toshiaki Suzuki (J)
3. Namyong Park (K)
4. HeunWon Kang (K)
5. Al Korevov (A)
6. ChulKwon Suh (K)
7. Ramon Dionision (P)
8. Wally Carr (A)
9. ChangBaek Choi (K)
10. Katsuo Ezashi (J)

JR. MIDDLEWEIGHT
Champion
HO Joo (K)
1. Kenji Shibata (J)
2. Tsutomu Hagusa (J)
3. ManDok Lee (K)
4. Albert Cruz (P)
5. Jaekun Lim (K)
6. Kunphol Sakornphitak (T)
7. Aquilino Nicolas (P)
8. Mitsun Kushikino (J)
9. Thamingthong Singsamang (T)
10. Michihiro Horihata (J)

WELTERWEIGHT
1. Aki Kameda (J)
2. Gideon Toyogon (P)
3. Mana Premchai (T)
4. Shoji Tsujimoto (J)
5. JooSok Kim (K)
6. Tito Gonzaga (P)
7. KapSoo Kim (K)
8. Neil Pattel (A)
9. Namin Baek (K)
10. Yohi Arai (J)

JR. WELTERWEIGHT
Champion
Moises Centoja (P)
1. Wongso Suseno (I)
2. Noboru Hatakeyama (J)
3. Dan De Guzman (P)
4. ChongHo Kim (K)
5. Jong Sathiragym (T)
6. Baby Cassius Austin (A)
7. Yoshiaki Ogino (J)
8. SangKyun Kim (K)
9. Kiatsayarm Jokker (T)
10. Cris Boy Otero (P)

LIGHTWEIGHT
Champion
YoungHo Oh (K)
1. Masahiro Yokai (J)
2. KwangMin Kin (K)
3. Changton Singthenongsadi (T)
4. Many Israel (P)
5. Kiyoshi Kazama (J)
6. Mar Alverio (P)
7. Billy Mulholland (A)
8. Jonrub Muangsurin (T)
9. Petchsyam Petcharoen (T)
10. Hitoshi Takahashi (J)

JR. LIGHTWEIGHT
Champion
Rey Tam (P)
1. Takao Maruki (J)
2. Fred "Bruce Lee" Besa (P)
3. Bomber Uchida (J)
4. HaseEun Chung (K)
5. Apollo Yoshio (J)
6. Changton Singthanongsakdi (T)
7. HyungIl Park (K)
8. Romeo Olivetti (P)
9. Leo Viajedor (P)
10. Billy Moeller (A)

FEATHERWEIGHT
Champion
Royal Kobayashi (J)
1. Spider Nemoto (J)
2. Nene June (P)
3. Shuzo Yoshida (J)
4. JinKyun Kim (K)
5. Manus Lengerng (T)
6. Boy Reys (P)
7. Nunthabureng Leadbankeye (T)
8. ChongMan Yuh (K)
9. Shinichi Aoki (J)
10. Paul Ferreri (A)

JR. FEATHERWEIGHT
Champion
SoonHyun Chung (K)
1. Kumpholek Sakornphitak (T)
2. Ric Quijano (P)
3. Eijiro Murata (J)
4. KeoSong Lee (K)
5. Ric Diamel (P)
6. DokHun Koh (K)
7. Chaiyong Petchkasem (T)
8. Sandy Nora (P)
9. Morkasakdi Muangsurin (T)
10. Brian Roberts (A)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
YungSik Kim (K)
1. Somkiat Sukothai (T)
2. Go Numata (J)
3. Shuichi Isogami (J)
4. Billy Agoto (P)
5. InKyo Park (K)
6. Fernando Cabanera (P)
7. Cesar Amazan (P)
8. Vence Borkorsor (T)
9. ChongChan Lee (K)
10. Sutan Rambing (I)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
HongSoo Yang (K)
1. Jiro Takada (J)
2. Dan Pisalchai (T)
3. Koichi Maki (J)
4. YungHwan Kim (K)
5. Tsutomu Igarashi (J)
6. Kenji Kato (J)
7. Hak Yung Kim (K)
8. Franco Torregosa (P)
9. Raengnoi Dron Chebee (T)
10. Nobuyuki Watanabe (J)

JR. FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
SungJun Kim (K)
1. Sangil Chung (K)
2. Siony Carupo (P)
3. YoungHyun Kin (K)
4. Kazunori Tenryu (J)
5. Seki Singhong (T)
6. Ric Barimbad (P)
7. Steve Bell (A)
8. Sangthong Sith Thumrong (T)
9. Phenix Taniguchi (J)
10. MakDong Kim (K)

Legend: (J) Japan. (K) Korea. (P) Philippines. (T) Thailand. (A) Australia. (I) Indonesia.

KOREA

▲SEOUL — OPBF middleweight champion Yuh Jae-Do, 160½, engaged in a nontitle game with Filipino Frisco Montemayor, 160¼ pounds, whom he knocked out in the sixth round at Munhwa Arena. Oh Young-Ho, 135¼ and OPBF lightweight leader rated by WBC, defeated Fred 'Bruce Lee' Basa, 135½, by a unanimous decision in ten overweight heats. In the first tenner of the night, national middleweight titlist Kang Heung-Won proved too much for Alberto Cruz, from the Philippines, winning a unanimous decision. It was a delux card of Korean champs vs. Filipino newcomers, but each of local favorites displayed the superiority in speed and strength. Kukji Promotions presented the triple tenner.

▲SOEUL — Yuh Chong-Man, a hard-hitting 126-pounder, dropped Japanese Shinichi Aoki, time and again to stop him in 2:36 of the seventh round.

In the opening session, Yuh received Aoki's lead blows, but counterpunched him with a solid left hook to floor him for the mandatory eight count.

Having Aoki decked on the canvas once in the fith, twice in the seventh round, Yuh showed his stronger power to the foreign campaigner. The winner, Yuh, is rated as the top contender of the Korean Commission.

Lee Man-Dok, 153½, became the new national junior middleweight titlist by beating Kim Chung-Shik, at the same weight under the 154-pound iimit, in ten heats.

▲MUNHA ARENA — Tall stylist Park In-Kyu, 117, wrested the national bantamweight title from Park Chun-Ha, 117, by copping a unanimous decision in ten hot frames. The victor In-Kyu compiled ten wins (with nine kayoes) against no defeats after his amateur career of 114-4. The new champ, a good footworker, is only twenty-one. Ex-national junior ligtweight leader and still young at 21, Lee Yidano proved too ringwise and sharp for Kim Kwang-Sun, taking a unanimous nod in ten. Both tipped the beam at 134-½ pounds.

▲ONYANG — KBC welterweight champ Choi Man-Sung, 146¼, was knocked out by Baek Nam-In, 146½, in two quick rounds to lose his title to the youngster. The upset card was presented by Dongshin Promotion there.

▲PUSAN — A good double tenner drew a huge crowd to see junior flyweight hopes fight formidable rivals.

Korean champ Kim Yong-Hyun, 110¾, proved speedy and sharp at punching and footwork, but was held to a draw by taller southpaw Kim Hak-Yung, top flyweight contender at 112-½ in ten close frames.

Unbeaten prospect Park Chan-Hee, scored a quick kayo over Japan's Puma Koya in the second session of their scheduled ten-rounder.

Park, in the second round, sent a flurry of punches to the face, dropping the Japanese for the compulsory eight count. Though Puma went on, he was flattened by Park's vicious right at the chin followed by a furious combo.

▲CHANGCHUNG AREANA — Former WBC super bantam boss Yum Dong-Kyun, 119¾, whipped Filipino Orlando Javierto, 118¾, in ten fast rounds. The decision was unanimous. In the first ten, Park Hyung,Il, top junior lightweight contender at 133½, scored another unanimous decision over Johnny Sato, 132¾ and of the Philippines.

PHILIPPINES

▲CABANATUAN CITY — No. 3 featherweight Fel Viesca, Jr., 124 pounds, proved too much for Elmer Arriesgado, 123, halting the latter in the seventh round of a scheduled tenner.

▲CEBU CITY — In the GAB eliminator to decide the new junior featherweight champ, Ric Diamale, 121¼, won a unanimous decision from Rudy Patalinhug, 119½, in ten good rounds.

In a supporting ten, junior welter Ruben Rabago, 138½, took a unanimous duke from William Gotera, 139½. Rated 108-pounders battled, and Rrigildo Canada, 109, lost a unanimous nod to Josue Agcang, half a pound heavier, in ten rounds.

In the first tenner by Marilag Sports Promotion, Cesar Ligan and Fred Jarabay, both weighing in at 121½, fought to a majority draw in a close contest.

▲ILOILO CITY — Junior flyweight Rolly Garcia Ramos, 107, defeated Fred Deocades, 106 in the ten-round main event of a card presented by Steve Doctora.

▲GUAM — Japanese flyweight Atom Suzuki fought Peter Noble of the Philippines well before he was floored by the latter's solid left to the button in the fourth round, and collapsed again for the count in the seventh session. Former Japanese lightweight champ Big Yamaryu gave pressure to Filipino Joe Rotoni all the way, dropping him twice and out in the eighth round.

▲ANGELS CITY — Junior lightweight champ Fred 'Bruce Lee' Basa, 129¼, barely kept his crown by a split nod over Leo Viajedor, 130 pounds, in twelve close rounds. There were four other ten-rounders in a card promoted by Antonio

Esguerra. Arnel Arrozal won a technical kayo over Oscar Gonzalez, two pounds lighter at 112, in the fifth round.

Mar Alverio, 135, unanimously defeated Joe Almano, 134, in ten.

▲RMC, MANILA — In a good card by Paciencia Hitosis, national junior welterweight titlist Dan de Guzman, 142, fought Australian Hector Thompson, 141, winning a majority decision in ten nontitle heats.

Top flyweight contender of GAB, Franco Torregosa, 111½, was awarded a TKO from Danilo Berdida, 110½, in the ninth round.

Ceasar Amalan, 119 pounds, made short work to finish Star Dayanan, 118½, in the fourth session of a scheduled tenner. Another top contender in the junior middleweight class, Aquilino Nicolas, Jr., 150½, defeated Armando Boniquit, 150 pounds, by a unanimous decision in ten.

▲ILOILO ISLAND, PHILIPPINES — At the birth place of the late flyweight champion Pancho Villa, Roberto Despi, 143, outscored Rey Bustillos, also 143, in ten heats.

▲DAVAO CITY — Six ten-rounders took place there at the hand of promoter Andres Ong. Lightweight Roldan Jumuad lost a unanimous decision to Cris Boy Otero, top contender in the 140-pound class, in ten. They weighed in at 138 pounds. Danilo Inocian technically kayoed Ric Ramos in the fourth session. They were two pounds heavier than the 112 limit.

Julius Gonzaga, 115, halted Rudy Canasa, 118, in the seventh round.

Earnie Lopez (not Indian Red), 137, gained an upset duke from Gar Atayde, 139 pounds, in ten unanimous rounds.

Ed Clementez was an easy winner, stopping Rudy Es Pina in the second stanza. Both entered the ring at 112 pounds.

108-pounder Little Carupo, 108, fought to a split draw with Jun Leonerio, 110, ten.

▲CAG. DE ORO CITY — Flyweight Robinson Abato won a majority decision over Eric Blancia in ten hot frames. They scaled in at 114 pounds.

▲DAVAO CITY — National feather titlist of the Philippines, Nene Jun, 130, was held to a majority draw by Boy Reyes, No. 2 contender, at 131, in a ten-round nontitle bout.

Danilo Gonzaga, 112, copped a unanimous duke from Boy Lindez, 109, in ten. The dual tenner was promoted by Agustin Garcia.

▲BENGUET — In a very close tenner, Jimmy Boy scored a split decision from Lino Boy Base. Each weighed in at 109.

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OLD BROADWAY

(Continued from page 38)

he met with his mishap.

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Thanks to Les Smith, of Australia, who touches upon the fact that he, like yours truly, believed Jim Jeffries to be the greatest heavyweight champion we ever had. We've always felt that way about the ex-boilermaker. Our buddy, Ring Editor Nat Fleischer, had Jack Johnson as No. 1 and we could hardly find fault.

True, Jeff was stopped by Johnson but that match, with Promoter Tex Rickard also being the referee, was one that should never have been made. As a matter of fact, there were rumors that it was set for Jeff to win but that Johnson called it off at the last moment. Tex stopped it in the fifteenth round to save Jeff from the humiliation of being counted out. That was Big Jeff's only setback. He never should have agreed to the fight but the $100,000 guarantee was too much. Interest in a Jeff-Johnson contest was so great the Morning Telegraph had a popularity contest to pick the man to officiate. When it was over, Charley White, from New York garnered the most votes. But at the last minute promoter Rickard, showing his versatility, decided he'd take over and handled the referee job very successfully.

Which again reminds us that we had the greatest respect for the grizzled warrior from California and in our book, he always was No. 1, with Jack Johnson Johnson very close to him in the second slot. They were both great. And in doing a three-round stint at the Loew's State Theatre on Broadway, when big Jeff was on tour to ballyhoo his comeback with Jack Johnson in Reno, our boss, the one and only W.B. 'Bat' Masterson, sent us over to handle the referee slot. We never forgot it.

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THE BRITISH ISLES

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Banging his head on the bottom rope didn't exactly help Tony, but the punch was a peach anyway.

Before then Sibson had gone forward, concentrating on the body, but Mwale used his superior reach to keep his man off, and didn't seem to be worrying at all.

The punch taht finished the fight was no fluke. Mwake worked for it maneuvering his man back against the ropes, scoring with left jabs, feinting his man into exposing his jaw, and then delivering the coup de grace.

Mwale is normally a light heavy, but he looks good at any poundage, and a lot more will be heard of him.

Oh yes, he came in as a substitute. Some substitute!

Tony Allen, Birmingham, turned in probably his best performance to date in outpointing Harry White, Northampton, scoreline being 79-75 over eight.

Allen's left hand was the deciding factor, and White could find no answer to it, which considering he is a leading contender for the British light heavyweight title, didn't do his prestige any good.

Both were stated as inside the stipulate poundage of 180.

Former British light heavy champ Tim Wood, Leicester, at last managed a victory after five successive defeats. He outscored Eddie Fenton, also from Leicester, 178, over eight by 77-76. Close enough, but enough for victory. And that's what Tim needed.

Wood started off like a bomb, but tired as the fight progressed. He was on the canvas, but up immediately, in the seventh. Fenton forced matters in the later stages, but wasn't always punching correctly.

James Cooke, Coventry, 132½, drew with Jeff Pritchard, New Tredegar, 132, over eight. Pritchard was down in the sixth, and the punch opened a cut over his right eye.

Cooke appeared to be the more accurate of the two, and many thought he deserved the verdict.

Sylvester Gordon, Peckham, 139, beat Mick Bell, Leicester, 140, the referee intervening in the sixth with Bell in serious trouble.

Tony Hague, Leicester, 147, outpointed Joey Saunders, Nottingham, 152, over six by 60-56, not losing a round.

Robbie Robinson, Liverpool, 135½, defeated Steve Ward, Nottingham, 138, the bout being stopped in the opening round with the latter on the receiving end.

▲Twentieth Century Sporting Club, Southend — Mick Mills, Islington, 149, beat Joe Oke, Ghana, 155, in the sixth round. Oke had no answer to the Mills' bomb, a right to the chin that twice had him off his feet.

This was Mills' sixteenth win in a row, and prompted Southend promoter Johnny Levine to put up the sum of £5,000 for Mills to meet either Dave Green or John H. Stracey. The Twentieth Century Sporting Club members would put up a further £5,000 towards the same project. The £10,000 would go to the winner.

George Metcalf, Liverpool, 133, beat Delvin Whyte, Tottenham, 137, the referee intervening in the sixth and final round with Metcalf well on top.

Steve Goodwin, Bootle, 153, kayoed Ron Pilgrim, Croydon, 149, in the fourth with a succession of body punches.

Dave Farrell, Liverpool, 143, outpointed John Kelly, Rotherham, 139, over six by 59-57.

Kendrick Edwards, Luton, 153, comfortably outscored Des Miller, Portsmouth, over six by 60-57.

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LOU BOGASH—WHAT A FIGHTER!

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rapped the even-break finding of the referee as unjust to Bogash and charged the official with favoring Britton, who wouldn't fight Lou again.

Bogash never got a true title shot. But in 1921, he started a series of fights with several ring stars who were champs at different times. That series extended into 1923 and gained him much of his shiny fighting reputation. He lost only once against those opponents.

The list includes a draw with Mike O'Dowd in 1921; a fifteen-round defeat by Delaney, a twelve-round draw with Mike McTigue, a twelve-round decision over Mickey Walker, and an eight-round no-decision duel with Tommy Loughran, all in 1922; and twelve-round no-decision scrap with Greb in 1923.

O'Dowd had lost the middleweight title seven months before he met Bogash and, according to press criticism, was favored by the draw finding. Against Delaney, already seen as a first-rater although a few years away from becoming 175-pound monarch, Lou made the mistake of fighting with an ailing left hand, was worried over a sick wife, and was further handicapped by Jack's cautious tactics in a very dull match.

Greb was champ when they fought non-title (no decision) in a Jersey City clash in which, according to famed boxing writer George Underwood, Greb took a bad beating and was booed by the fans for inability to solve Lou's puzzling style.

Rough, tough, and durable, Bogash was essentially a hooker with both hands who threw barrages of punches in leaping style from a low crouch that served him well on both offense and defense.

Lou Bogash came to Bridgeport as a young Italian immigrant, was orphaned at fourteen by the passing of his parents in close order, and followed older brother Patsy into boxing at fifteen. At sixteen, he enlisted in the Army during World War One, but eventual discovery of his age led to a discharge. So back he went to fighting.

He came up the hard way in the ring, learning by trial-and-error after a start as a featherweight. Campaigning from 1916 to 1927, he lost but thirteen times in 113 matches including numerous bouts with prime toughies.

On recall, he would label Jock Malone "the best fighter I ever met." He lost a duke to the equally-great Malone in 1921, then split a pair with him in 1923, immediately before boxing Greb in what was his 1923 finale. He had started the year with his meaningful TKO win over Fitzsimmons that led to the title recognition.

Bogash was past his prime when he wound up his career with four 1925 fights and single ones in 1926 and 1927. Battling Tiger Flowers, he won on a foul, dropped two decisions, and went no-decision in 1925, and lost a decision in the 1927 windup. Flowers was middleweight champ for a while in 1926 but did not hold the title when he fought Bogash.

Lou was managed variously by Sam Driver and Joe Smith of Bridgeport, and Eddie Mack and Johnny Buckley of Boston. For much of his working life after ring retirement, he was a wholesale liquor salesman. And for years, he kept up a contact with boxing by serving as a state referee.

When asked to assess latter-day fighters, he would be impatient and critical of the general run. "We had better ones in my day," he would generalize. "And I can't understand why they tire after four or five rounds. We could go longer in my time."

He felt an obligation to the fans. "When a guy would run away from me in the ring," he would say, "I'd think: 'He's making me look bad.' So I'd try to get in close and many times took punches to make my opponent really fight so we'd do right by the people who paid to watch."

Like his father was before him, Lou Jr., corporate safety director for the International Silver Co. at its plants in Meriden and Wallingrod, is a state boxing referee. Besides him, the former boxing great is survived by his widow, the former Rose Petrino, and two grandchildren.

IN OLDE NEW ENGLAND

By DON HAMILL

SPRINGFIELD, MASS. — Jimmy Corkum, 141, Brockton, wowed the Western Massachusetts fans with his clever boxing and sharp punching as he punched out a well earned ten-round decision over a tough George Fakaris, 143, Brentwood, N.Y. The promising Brockton battler used his speed to cop nine of the ten rounds and scored his second win over the ever dangerous Fakaris.

Veteran Eddie Owens, 201, Springfield, scored a lop-sided eight-round decision over Joe Maye, 199, Hartford, in the semi-windup. Danny Daniel, 129, Newark, experienced no difficulty halting Ed Bracetty, 124, Lawrence, in the third round of a four spot. In other four-rounders: Jose Verdejo, 189, Springfield, launched his pro career with a decision by duking Sam Miller, 190, New Haven; Steve Snow, 139, Holyoke, clinched a decision over Mike Rae, 139, Brockton, in a real crowd-pleaser; and Pedro Torres, 137, Holyoke, was declared the loser to Jesse Rogers, 143, New Haven, but a recheck of the cards showed Torres was the well deserved winner. The show was promoted by Western Mass. Boxing Club headed by Gastano Milano and with Vito Tallarita making the matches.

▲FALL RIVER — Arthur Driscoll Skating Arena — Tommy Rose, 136, Sherborn, wasted little time in scoring a knockout over Melvin Boynton, 128, Newark, N.J., in 1:51 of the first round. Rose punching with more authority than in the past, hurt Boynton with a left hook to the mid-section to cause him to sag into the ropes. A flurry and half push put Boynton down for the first official knockdown. Rose, not to be denied, floored Boynton for the full count with a left hook followed by a shashing right to the jaw.

Marciano Bernardo, 157, Mt. Kisco, N.Y., battered Joe Mireault, 163, Lawrence, into submission in the third frame of the scheduled eight-round semi-final. Joe Rocha, 219, Westport, Ma., made his pro debut a winning one when he halted Freddy Ortiz, 194, Paterson, N.J., in the fourth session. Lou Raptis, 154, Taunton, edged Fernando Collazo, 152, Lawrence, in a closely fought but unanimously voted six-round bout between a pair of novices. Hank Rosa, 137, Paterson, dropped Andy Barboza, 132, Lawrence, three times in stopping him in the third heat of the six round opener. The show, the first held in Fall River in many, many years was promoted by Farrell Boxing Enterprises.

In the June issue, I erroneously said that Dick Ecklund had received an eight-round decision over Willie Rodriquez. The decision went the other way, Rodriquez beating Ecklund.

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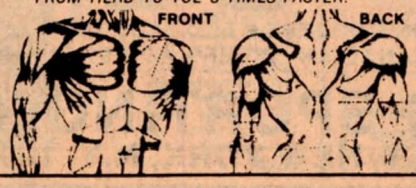

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COLOMBIA AND VENEZUELA

● *By RAUL PORTO CABRALES* ●

COLOMBIA

▲**Cartagena** — Ruben "Cobra" Valdes, Continental Super Bantam Champ, beat Tarcisio "Famosito" Gomez, Mexico, KO 6. Non title bout; Nestor Carlos "Baba" Jimenez won in 10, decision over Pedro Rodriquez, Mexico, Super Bantam; Cristobal Torres gained unanimous 10, over Clemente Ronjas. Lightweight Fernando Ochoa won ten round decision over Armando Perez, Jr. Light. Manuel "left" Rios is the new Colombian Jr. Flyweight champion. He won the vacant throne by unanimously decisioning Hector Pinto in twelve rounds; Carlos Mejia triumphed over Jairo Segovia, TKO nine. Alvaro Marimón, beat Miguel "Turco" Betruz, TKO five.

▲**Bueaventuar** — Colombian feather champion, Jacob Torres, stopped Jesus Cantillo by a TKO five. Non title bout; lightweight Norman Cordoba beat Jaime Ramirez by a TKO in the fourth round; Colombia Jr. Lightweight champion, Victor Pacheco, retained his crown by a arbitral decision (no contest) in eleven rounds over Carlos Cossio.

▲**Monteria** — In the flyweight division, Luis Tapias kayoed Hector Pinto in three rounds; Efrain Betancur beat William Hernandez in a ten Bantamweights contest; Bernardino Rubio, bested Jaime Ricardo in 12 rounds, to become new Colombian Super — Bantam champion. The throne was vacant.

▲**Sincelejo** — Cirilo San Martin, beat Alejandro Oviedo by a TKO in a ten bout Flyweight; Wilfrido Castro and Olimpo Santos, No Contest, two rounds; Alfredo Herrera won the vacant Flyweight title of Colombia by split decisioning over Domingo Osorio, in twelve rounds; ex-champion of Central American and Carbbean Wlterweight, Adalberto Vanegas, became new Colombian Jr. Middle Champion by a KO over Rosalio Matute in four. The throne was vacant.

▲**Cartagena** — Cristobal Torres and Aureliano Mena, drew in ten. Lightweights. In the Jr. Lightweight division, Fernando Ochoa and Wilfrido Castro drew in ten rounds; Leonidas Asprilla is the new Colombian Lightweight champion. Asprilla won the vacant throne by a KO at 2:22 of second round over Luis Rivera. His record is now 13 wins (11 KO's); Jr. Welterweight Eloy Rios beat Marciano Riascos in six.

VENEZUELA

▲**Caracas** — Pedro Rojas, Venezuelan, won the Central American and Caribbean welter crown from Colombian Adalberto Vanegas in two rounds; Jose Ramirez, champion Jr. Welter, won in 10 over Pedro Acosta, Colombian resident in Venezuela; Francisco "Yata" Durango of Colombia, stopped Antonio Rodriquez, Venezuelan, in four rounds, in a Jr. lightweight bout; Bantam Sigigredo Moreno, of Colombia, scored a TKO 8, over Hilario Diaz, Venezuelan; Carlos Arturo Osorio, of Colombia, in Bantam class win in ten over Emilio Hernandez, Republica Dominicana; Carlos Osorio, of Colombia, Bantam won in 10 over Jesus Esparragoza, Venezuela; Pedro Acosta, Colombian, won in ten over Rolando Martinez, Republica Dominicana, in a welterweight bout. In the Flyweight class, Freddy Moran, Venezuela, lsot by TKO, 5, to the Colombian Eduardo Barragan, resident in Venezuela; Ray Melendez, Republica Dominicana, thriumphed over Henry Diaz, Colombian, in a Flyweight 10.

BOXING IN ARGENTINA

● *By SIMON BRONENBERG* ●

▲**Buenos Aires** — At the Luna Park ring, Argentine jr. middle champion Manuel Gonzalez beat Roque Roldan in ten.

▲**Comodoro Rivadavia** — In the welter class, Hugo Albarez kayoed Celestino Pacheco in the second round.

▲**Bahia Blanca** — In the light division, Jorge Gomez whipped Oscar "Cachin" Mendez in ten.

▲**Tandil** — In the jr. welter class, Oscar "Pelusa" Munoz drew with Carlos Alonso in ten.

▲**Posadas** — Middles: Ricardo Arce beat Jose Maria Flores Burlon in ten.

▲**Salta** — In the lightweight division, Luis Antonio Zarate kayoed Jose Manuel Luna in five rounds.

▲**Villa Dolores** — Superbantam: Carlos Cordoba and Gilberto Lopez, from Uruguay, drew in ten rounds.

▲**Rosario** — In the superbantam class, Ruben Granados beat Hugo Emer by a TKO in seven.

▲**Pergamino** — Luis Salvucci kayoed Oscar Maldonado in ten. They are middles.

▲**San Luis** — In the light class, Abraham Valenzuela decisioned Juan Zuniga, ten.

▲**Mar del Plata** — Veteran welter Anibal Di Lella outpointed Alfredo Cicopiedi in ten rounds.

▲**Azul** — In the lightheavy class Carlos Pouyannes whipped Rosendo Toledo, ten.

▲**S. Carlos Bariloche** — In the feather class Carlos Martinetti beat by a TKO Ramon "Moncho" Dominguez in eight rounds.

▲**Billinghurst** — In the welter class, Osvaldo Barreda decisioned Valentin Benitez in eight rounds.

▲**Mendoza** — Welters: Raul Castro beat Hector Navarro, ten.

▲**San Rafael** — In the light class Raul Minis whipped Francisco Galdame in six.

▲**Trelew** — Ex-Argentine welter Jr. champion Carlos Maria Gimenez kayoed Luis Sosa in five.

▲**Gualeguaychu** — In the bantam class, Jose Uziga beat Carlos Baez by a TKO in fourth.

▲**Concordia** — In the feather division, Hugo Fernandez kayoed Anibal Estigarribia in the third round.

▲**Rio Cuarto** — Lights: Ramon Araujo and Julio Melone no decision in seventh round.

▲**Rio Tercero** — Ramon Peralta won the local welter title after Ramon Perez in twelve rounds.

▲**General Alvear** — In the welter Jr. class, Roberto Alfaro beat Luis Rodriguez by a TKO in fourth round.

▲**San Juan** — In the light division, Ramon Araujo whipped Eloy Jofre in eight rounds.

▲**Parana** — Welters: Ceferino Morales outpointed Antonio Capdevila in ten rounds.

▲**P. Roque Saenz Pena** — Lights: Miguel A. Combi decisioned Jose J. Perez in ten.

▲**Cordoba** — In the superbantam class, Arnoldo "Pato" Aguero outpointed Danilo Batista, from Brasil, in ten rounds.

▲**Villa Maria** — Good prospect and undefeated in the fly class Gustavo Ballas outpointed Reynaldo Romero in ten rounds.

▲**Buenos Aires** — At the Luna Park ring world lightheavy champion Victor Emilio Galindez outpointed Argentine champion Ramon Cerrezuela in ten rounds. Good receipts: 2 million 900,000 pesos.

▲**Comodoro Rivadavia** — Argentine welter jr. champion Hector "Yeye" Hernandez beat Juan "Pamperito" Olivera in ten.

BOXING IN MEXICO

● *By EDUARDO AMER* ●

▲**REYNOSA, TAMAULIPAS** — Valentin "Duende" Martinez, 112, Mexican flyweight champion, technically stopped "Chaparro" de Leon, 111, in seven. It was a non-title bout.

▲**POZA RICA, VERACRUZ** — Jose Luis Baltazar, 146, bested Silvano Estopier, 147, in ten rounds. Sixto Castillo, 126, halted Esteban "Callito" Gonzales, 125, in two.

▲**MEXICO CITY** — Ernesto Davis, 135, of Panama, decisioned Leonardo "Chino" Bermudez, 135, ten. Jesus Ramirez, 133, kayoed Raul "Zurdo" Molina, 134, in three. Manuel Luna, 114, tko'd Miguel "Raton" Gonzalez, 112, in seven. Alfredo "Bulldog" Vazquez, 126, tko'd Juan Jimenez, 125, in one. Robert Castillo, 124, and Felipe Azamar, 125, drew, four.

▲**CAMPECHE** — Wilbert Canche, 111, flattened Memo Chapa, 112, in eight. Francisco Figueroa, 117, disposed of Sabino Cabral, 116, in three. Porfirio Morales, 114, won from Juan Solis, 112, six.

▲**MAZATIAN, SINALOA** — Ismael Ruiz, 202, embalmed John Robinson, 197, in two. Emeterio Villanueva, 158, ko'd Mario Luna, 155, in four. Ubaldo Gonzalez, 112, polished off Sergio "Gato" Martinez, 112 in four.

▲**CHIHUAHUA, CHIHUAHUA** — Edel Borunda, 125, halted Antonio Nava, 125, four. Tono Paredes, 117, nailed Joel Valdez, 116, in four.

▲**GUADALAJARA, JALISCO** — Francisco Javier Nunez, 117, stopped Ramon "Changa" Guillen, 118, in three. Alejandro Agosto, 122, demolished Maximino Leon, 123, in five.

▲**COATZACOALCOS, VERACRUZ** — Jacobo Padilla, 191, knocked out Juan Olvera, 189, in three.

▲**IZAMAL, YUCATAN** — Antonio "Chino" Benitez, 112, outpointed Eleazar "Mongo" Hong, 112, om in ten.

▲**COATZACOALCOS, VERACRUZ** — Gustavo Salgado, 124, tko'd Antonoi Lopez, 123, in six.

▲**APATZINGAN, MICHOACAN** — Camilo "Guerrero" Ibarra, 135, halted "Hielero" Castillo, 135, in six.

▲**LA PAZ, BAJA CALIFORNIA** — Saul Montana, 119, bested Rafael "Tanque" Gonzalez, 120, in ten.

▲**MEXICO CITY** — Amado "Pantera" Ursua, 108, embalmed Jose Sosa, 111, in six. Federico Carreno, 121, tko'd Memo Ayala, 121, in six. Candido Tellez, 105, decisioned Lorenzo "Pantera" Garcia, 106, eight. Rafael Morales, 111, tko'd Oscar Gomez, 111, in five. Roberto Castillo, 124, iced Arsenio Mercado, 124, in one.

▲**CIUDAD NETZAHUALCOYTOL, ESTADO DE MEXICO** — Aureliano Castillo, 116, bested Raul Hernandez, 117, in ten. Julian "Bandido" Martinez, 134, bombed Jesus "Chato" Zuniga, 135, in two. Magallo Alvarado, 125, whipped Antonio Gloria, 125, eight.

▲**MEXICO CITY** — Juan "Monito" Diaz, 111, tko'd Martin Valencia, 111, six. Aureliano "Pulga" Sanchez, 111, tko'd Armando "Palitos" Perez, 111, three. Felipe "Tigre" Fernandez, 116, tko'd Federico Barragan, 117, in one. Jorge Zarate, 113, tko'd Julio Ruiz, 113, in three. Ramon Villavicencio, 123, bested Angel Noriega, 122, in four.

▲**CIUDAD NETZAHUALCOYOTL, ESTADO DE MEXICO** — Jose "Mixe" Bautista, 117, tko'd Rufino "Canelo" Hernandez, 118, in four. Crescencio Santana, 124, ko'd Jorge Castillo, 125, in two. Juan Atilano, 118 iced Dionisio Balderas, 118, in one. Miguel Angel Alvarez, 116, demolished Juvencio Juarez, 116, in one. Manuel Mendoza, 119, beat Pedro Valeio, 118, in four.

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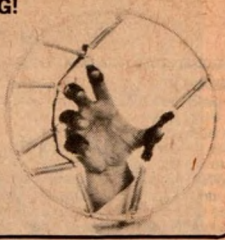

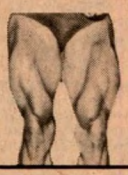

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SEAN O'GRADY STOPS SHIG FUKUYAMA

By TOM RAY

OKLAHOMA CITY, OK. — Featherweight Sean O'Grady was paid $25,000 for his recent bout here with Japan's Shig Fukuyama.

He earned every penny of it.

With a river of blood oozing down his face, chest and arms due to a badly cut right eyebrow, O'Grady saved his shot at the WBA featherweight crown by battering Fukuyama into a TKO stoppage with just one second left in the fifth round.

Had O'Grady failed to stop Fukuyama at that point, the bout undoubtedly would have been stopped in the Japanese's favor the next round because of O'Grady's damaged eye.

When it was over, the victorious Irishman looked like he had been dipped from the waist up in red paint. An accidental butt in the first round resulted in a severed artery in the inch-long cut which spewed blood throughout the contest. In the opinion of some, the fight should have been stopped in the earlier rounds in favor of the Japanese. The cut took sixteen stitches.

But O'Grady never panicked despite the blood and pressure of a possible loss. He was calm and methodical—a bit like a miniature Carlos Monzon—as he used his height and reach to batter Fukuyama's head and body in each and every round. He was never bothered by Fukuyama's punches.

To the Japanese's credit, however, he never quit trying and, spurred on by the sight of O'Grady's blood, sallied forth in each round into a shower of jabs, hooks and crosses. Fukuyama's only success came in landing just enough desperation left hooks to keep the cut open.

The fight was telecast nationally by NBC, which apparently looks to O'Grady as its newest sports star. It was the first of five fights for O'Grady under the promotional banner of Magne Verde Promotions of Los Angeles. The five-fight deal calls for O'Grady next to meet WBA featherweight king Eusebio Pedroza in a title bout. Magne Verde then will promote Sean's next three fights, if he should win the title. O'Grady stands to make nearly $350,000 and two cars—one for himself and one for his kid sister, Rosie in —in the deal. The arrangement is off, however, should Sean lose any of the five fights.

With the harrowing win, O'Grady brought his record to 57-1 with 52 knockouts. Fukuyama saw his record dip to 31-9-1. The Japanese was an ideal opponent for O'Grady from a promotional point of view. In 1974, the ex-Oriental featherweight champ knocked out Danny Lopez, the only fighter to defeat O'Grady. Lopez is now the WBC featherweight champion.

Ironically, the blood brought out the best in O'Grady. After an examination of O'Grady's torn eyebrow by the ringside physician, Dr. Lloyd Rader, O'Grady knew it was do or die. The look by Rader came midway through the fifth and O'Grady realized he might not get a second chance should another exam be made. He attacked the Japanese relentlessly and with twenty-one seconds left in the round, dropped Fukuyama with a stunning left-right to the head. Fukuyama rose on unsteady legs and O'Grady, seeing the opportunity he had been waiting for, tore into Fukuyama with both guns blazing. Fukuyama appeared helpless when referee Rudy Jordan stepped in between the two fighters.

Equally ironic was the fact that one of the last punches landed by O'Grady caused a bad cut over the left eye of Fukuyama. But Jordan said the Japanese's cut had no effect on his decision to halt matters.

He didn't, however, have the same opinion concerning O'Grady's wound.

"The fight should have been stopped earlier," said Jordan. "Even though he (Fukuyama) never won a round, he should have won. The fight should have been stopped."

Pat O'Grady, Sean's father and manager, disagreed. He said Dr. Rader made the right decision, adding that if the cut had been too serious, he would have stopped it himself between rounds.

"He's my son isn't he?" the elder O'Grady asked. "I wouldn't let anything happen that could hurt Sean. The blood was flowing around the eye, not in it. Sean could see."

However, Dr. Rader was criticized by the newspapers and broadcasters after the bout. Some fans also booed the decision, feeling Fukuyama deserved to win on a TKO. Others cheered for the colorful teenager's win.

In other bouts, North American Jr. Lightweight Champ Rafael "Bazooka" Limon scored a ten-round split decision over Rocky Ramon of Texas; Tony McMinn of Quapaw, Oklahoma won on a ninth round TKO over Frank Romero; Dennis Horn stopped Clyde Spencer in the second round, and Dennis Haggerty and Mickey Banks boxed to a four round draw.

THE SUNNY SOUTH

By JOEL LIPSITT

HOLIDAY INN RIVERMONT, MEMPHIS, TENN. — The fighting Irish, the Hallacy brothers of Wichita, Kan., brought havoc and despair to Memphis during their brief appearance. They came to this Mid-South metropolis to fight and that they did. They left the Memphis fight crowd of an estimated 950 stunned in bewilderment as they literally tore down their opposition. The unusual small attendance was attributed to the appearance of evangelist Dr. Billy Graham at the Mid-South Coliseum.

In the scheduled ten-round stellar presentation, light heavyweight Ned Hallacy, 177, recently off a draw with Mike Quarry, shell-shocked up-and-coming local Memphian favorite Roberto Rockett, 175, into oblivion with three sudden explosive left hooks and a smashing overhand right to the chin in forty-five seconds of the fifth canto.

The fight began with Hallacy forcing the action, shuffling in behind a jab, bobbing and weaving and staying in close while methodically banging away at Rockett's unprotected midsection. This was to be the pattern of the fight for three rounds with Rockett appearing very sluggish and unable to get untracked while Hallacy dominated and dictated the action.

Only in the closing seconds of the fourth did Rockett briefly generate any kind of an offense by scoring with two solid lefts to the jaw and a right high on Hallacy's forehead. But, this only seemed to spur Hallacy on as he began blistering Rockett to the body with a volley of hard shots which eventually caused the roof to cave in on Rockett whose record slipped to 8-2-1.

In the eight-round semifinal, rugged middleweight Mike Hallacy, 162, survived some premature early first round bombardment from lanky Marcus Dorsey, 162, Beaumont, Tex., and came on to quickly poleaxe Dorsey at 2:00 of the second stanza.

In the opening moments of the first, Dorsey exhibited a stinging jab, followed by a whistling overhand right which quickly reddened Hallacy's face. But, the stout hearted Irishman just grinned, shrugged off these shots and retaliated with some terrific right hand body shots which dropped Dorsey to his knees in his own corner just as the bell sounded. At the start of the fatal second, Hallacy sensed a quick kill and immediately began stalking Dorsey who was now noticeably hurt and trying to hang on. Finally, Hallacy trapped Dorsey against the ropes and lowered the "coup de grace" with some awesome left hooks and right hands to the body which exited Dorsey for the evening.

In probably the best fight of the night, a slam bang brawl, the younger of the Hallacy clan, southpaw Pat, 148, did a "paint job" on previously undefeated "Hurricane" Mike Herron, 145, as he won a well deserved six round unanimous decision win.

Young Herron must be given due credit. He never stopped trying as he was the continual aggressor tossing leather at the elusive lefty who just beat Herron to the punch each time.

In the opening six-round heavyweight clash, tall Walter Satimore, 201, New Orleans, La., won a close but unanimous lackluster verdict over "off and on again" Big Larry Alexander, 235, Memphis, Tenn., who was slow and ring rusty. Alexander is so unpredictable; on occasions he looks great and on other times like a rank amateur. His trainer, Roy Dean, can't figure it out. Satimore showed little himself but it was enough to win.

Crowd pleasing welterweight Frank Crosby, 146, New Orleans, La., who fought a thrilling losing battle with Mike Herron a month prior in Greenville, Miss. won by a default over the usual reliable veteran Semmi Black who failed to appear.

▲HOLIDAY INN RIVERMONT, MEMPHIS, TENN. — The very popular Wichita, Kans. promoter-manager, Dick Meek, and two of his three Hallacy gladiators, Mike, and sensational young Pat, the clever southpaw with a record now of 10-0, were invited back to Memphis by promoter Red Fortner to display their talents. Again, as they did back in May, they came away with the spoils as both boxers won decisively and impressed a crowd of about 1,000. Unfortunately, a suitable light heavyweight opponent for the third brother, Ned, couldn't be found.

In the slam-bang ten-round middleweight feature stellar presentation, 24-year-old Mike, 160, was just too strong and out-gunned a very tough gamester in scrappy 22-year-old Al Campbell, 154, New Orleans, La. in scoring a unanimous decision win which upped his record to 20-3.

In the six-round welterweight semifinal, 22-year-old southpaw Pat Hallacy, 149, demolished a determined but outclassed free-swinger, Frank Crosby, 150, New Orleans, La. via a KO at 2:35 of the fourth and upped his record to 10-0.

In a companion six-rounder, local favorite Simmie Black, 134, Memphis, who fights anyone at anytime and at any place, improved his unofficial record to 11-33-1 as he was awarded a controversial split decision win over highly regarded Memphian featherweight, Earl Wilson, 126.

In a short-lived action four-round heavyweight war, muscular Memphia "Big" John Lee, 220, a former star defensive tackle for Memphis State College, won his second pro bout as he TKO'd courageous David Watkins, 220, Memphis in just eighteen seconds into the 2nd round.

In the opening four-round curtain raiser, bearded Jimmy Cook, Osceola, Ark., toyed with baby faced Terry Reed, 154, Memphis, for one round before flooring him twice in the second with right hand leads. Upon rising from the second knockdown, his corner threw in the towel and the contest was halted at 1:02 of the second.

▲TYLER, TEXAS — For some time now, likeable promoter E. A. "Lucky" Vascocu had been itching to bring back professional boxing to this north-eastern Texas city of 58,000. He finally took the shot and with the help of his son, Bobby, he staged the first pro boxing show of four bouts ever held in some time at the beautiful Harvey Hall before an estimated crowd of 900. Happily the crowd left buzzing with excitement and, for "Lucky," the card proved to be a huge success.

Former Troup slugger, 26-year-old Bobby Vascocu, 132, now residing in Marshall where he is a very successful furniture salesman, returned home to give dad a vital boost. He certainly didn't disappoint pop as he gave a dazzling homecoming performance in coping a unanimous decision win over a very cagey and durable Shannon Williams, 132, Little Rock, Arkansas in the second of two ten-round main events in upping his record to 10-2.

In the first ten-round bout of the evening, local favorite light heavyweight Carl Ivy, 177, Tyler, got in a "lucky punch" at the beginning of the last round and held on to take a unanimous decision win over Frankie Evans, 176, Port Arthur, Tex.

In the dressing room after the fight, Evans said, "I felt like I was winning the fight. I would definitely like to fight him again. But it was a good fight.

"I was setting him up for a knockout in the tenth before I got butted. I'm a southpaw and I was planning to get him with a left hook."

In preliminary action, heavyweight Henry "Wolf" Ray, 228, Tyler, iced muscular Cardell Morris, 202, Shreveport, La. with a smashing left hook to the head at 1:54 of the fifth canto in a scheduled six-rounder.

In another bout, the four-round curtain raiser, welterweight Tom Pinner, 144, Newton, Tex. poleaxed Baby Ray Barrett, 141, Jacksonville, Tex. with three pulverizing left hooks and an overhand right to the jaw at 2:54 of the opening round.

▲LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS—There seems to be no stopping junior welterweight Jimmy Heair, as he continues to be very active in mowing down all opposition that is thrown his way. However, to date, Heair has been unsuccessful in nailing down a shot with Bruce Curry or Monroe Brooks for an ultimate shot at the title.

The red headed Heair, at a trim 140, formerly of Houston, Miss., but now out of Memphis, Tenn., scored his sixteenth win in a row, his last fifteen by knockout, by kayoing rugged Clyde Spencer, 141, McAllister, Okla., twice, once for the record at 1:01 of the third stanza at the elite and plush Camelot Inn before an overflowing crowd of 870.

Just after the bell ended the second canto of the scheduled ten-round junior welterweight feature, Spencer ducked into a short right hand that would have finished him if it had occurred before the end of the round.

Heair didn't waste much time doing it again in the third. He set up Spencer along the ropes with a series of right hands and then caught him falling into an almost exact replica of the previous knockout punch.

Spencer fought a brisk and optimistic first round, suggesting briefly that he might make it an interesting night for Heair. But he liked to lean away from punches instead of block them, and Heair quickly made the proper leverage adjustments.

GREENVILLE, MISS. — Constantly keeping active in his bid to get back once again into the top rankings, fast stepping featherweight Eddie "The Flea" Freeman, 125, Memphis, Tenn., got back on the right track again as he won his third fight in his last three outings via a TKO over gamester Jessie Rodriguez, 130, San Antonion, Tex. in forty-two seconds of the third stanza before approximately 950 at the beautiful Greenville Athletic Club, lifting his record to 23-2 with eighteen wins by knockout.

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